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Dail rushes through new law

DUBLIN SEIZES £5m IRA FUND

Link with kidnap of supermarket chief

By CHARLES LAURENCE in Dublin

THE Dublin Parliament last night passed emergency legislation enabling the Eire Government to seize up to £5 million of IRA money held at a bank in the republic.

Police sources later indicated that the money was probably linked with the kidnapping 15 months ago of Mr Don Tidey, chief executive of a large Irish supermarket chain—for whom the IRA had demanded a ransom of £5 million.

Mr Tidey was taken from his Dublin home by IRA gunmen in Nov., 1983. He was freed a fortnight later after a shoot-out involving police, troops and terrorists in Co. Leitrim. A policeman and a soldier died in the battle.

Associated British Foods, the parent company of Mr Tidey's firm, Quinnsworth, had said it would follow the advice of the Dublin Government and not hand over any ransom.

But Dublin police believe Associated British Foods had come under increasing pressure recently to pay a ransom in the region of £2 million.

Mr Tidey and his family have been closely guarded since he was freed.

Last night's emergency legislation seizing the IRA's £5 million was kept a close secret until the unnamed Irish bank closed at 3 p.m. This prevented the IRA withdrawing the funds to escape seizure.

'Funding murder and destruction'

The money will be passed to the jurisdiction of the High Court when a document bearing the seal of the Minister of Justice is presented to the bank as it opens at 10 a.m. today.

Mr Michael Noonan, the Justice Minister, told the Dublin Parliament — the Dail — that the money was "the proceeds of criminal activity by the IRA—specifically extortion under threat of murder and kidnap," and was to be used by the IRA to "fund their campaign of murder and destruction."

The dramatic move in the Dail came at the end of a major operation by the Garda, the Irish police, in which they had followed the money as it crossed several international borders.

Mr Noonan said the money had been paid to the IRA abroad and had been "laundered."

"The Garda had specific information of the handing over of large sums outside this Government's jurisdiction, and the details of its movement into the Irish banking system.

"They also had independent evidence of its origin in documentary form," he said.

The documentary evidence came from legal proceedings instigated in a foreign country, but Mr Noonan would give no further details.

"The necessity for this Bill came from a specific situation that has serious implications for the maintenance of public order in this country," he said.

The Opposition leader, Mr Charles Haughey, said his party would support the legislation as it recognised that it was in the national interest.

The Dail passed all stages of the emergency measure in 40 minutes.

It then went to the Senate and was later signed into law by the President Hillery.

The measure—an amendment to the Offences Against the State Act—provides the Government with powers of seizure for six months, but can be renewed at short notice if necessary.

Legitimate owner can appeal

Any legitimate owner of seized cash can appeal for its return. After that, the Government can apply for it to pass to the exchequer.

There was speculation in Dublin last night that victims of IRA kidnap and extortion may now appeal for the return of their money.

It is estimated that the IRA needs £2 million a year to fund its terrorism as well as its political campaign.

About £229,000 comes from the American organisation, Noraid; Col Gadaffi has also provided cash—and a considerable amount is raised by armed robberies.

IRA Godfathers, and other reports—P2

Running IRA costs £2m a year

By JAMES ALLAN and A. J. McILROY

SECURITY chiefs in Ireland estimate that the Provisional IRA needs up to £2 million a year to finance its operations, on both the terrorist and political fronts.

In recent years, with the clampdown by the American authorities of the activities of Noraid, the US-based fund-raising front for the Provisionals, the IRA has not been as flush as it was.

But with nearly 15 years' experience behind it, the IRA has become adept at opening up new avenues of income as others close or dwindle.

The terrorists spread their net wide to gather income.

Gaddafi helps

In Britain, collections are made from sympathetic Irish workers and through Gaelic dances and festivals.

But the IRA clearly gathers in more money from within Ireland than from Britain.

On both sides of the border, the IRA engages in kidnappings, bank and post office robberies, racketeering in the form of drinking clubs, drug-peddling and front-companies usually involved in the building trades.

Blackmail, extortion and fraud also add to the IRA's funds.

Col. Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has made no secret of his sympathy for the IRA and has been a contributor over the years both in terms of cash and arms.

Links between the IRA and international terrorist groups like the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the Red Brigade, the Bader Meinhoff gang and

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8,000 MORE BABIES BORN

Britain had a small baby boom in the last six months of 1984 with 8,000 more live births than in the same period of 1983.

But the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys report that for the whole year births per thousand women of child-bearing age were almost unchanged at 59·6, compared with 59·7 in 1983. The total of live births was 634,000.

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Powell's embryo Bill under fire—P12

ARMY ORDERS ROBOT PLANE

By Our Defence Correspondent

An £80 million contract has been awarded by the Army to GEC Avionics, Rochester, for a remotely-piloted airborne surveillance vehicle code-named Phoenix.

It will be used for targetting and battlefield surveillance by day and night.

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Breakthrough hailed in Whitehall

By NICHOLAS COMFORT *Political Staff*

THE Irish Republic's freezing of several million pounds of IRA funds in a previously-unidentified bank account was welcomed in Whitehall last night as a major breakthrough in the fight against the Provisionals.

In particular, it was seen as the best possible news for Mrs Thatcher as she set out for Washington with an appeal to Americans to stop funding the IRA's campaign of terrorism high on her agenda.

At the same time, Government sources stressed that the action had been taken by the Dublin authorities on their own knowledge and initiative, with no suggestion of British involvement.

Nor was there any clear evidence of foreknowledge among Ministers at Westminster of a security coup which they were last night regarding with "quiet satisfaction."

Ironically the announcement came just after Mrs Thatcher had told MPs of her intention to strees during her visit to America that the IRA's campaign was directed as much against the Republic as against Britain.

The first reaction at Downing Street was that while the timing of the action against IRA funds would have been a "marvellous gesture" by Dr Garret FitzGerald's Government if planned to coincide with Mrs Thatcher's initiative, it was almost certain to have been sheer coincidence.

In the Commons Mr Kinnock, in an exchange with the Prime Minister, notably free from their rancour last week over Mr Clive Ponting, offered firm support for her attempts to stop the flow of American finance to the IRA.

Mrs Thatcher responded by thanking him for his "great support," adding: "I did not expect anything less."

Mrs Thatcher at Heathrow last night when she left for a two-day visit to the United States, where she will address both houses of Congress today. Report—Back Page.

Govan wins £40m order for ferry

By *JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent*

A £40 MILLION order for the biggest passenger ship to be built in Britain since 1969 was given to Govan Shipbuilders of Glasgow by P & O yesterday.

The 31,000-tonne "cruise-ferry" for the Hull-Rotterdam route of North Sea Ferries will be capable of worldwide operation. The yard's workforce of around 2,200 could be increased by up to 300 while the ship is being built.

Associated British Ports is to spend £5 million on a new terminal for the ship at Hull. It will be the biggest investment in the port for 15 years.

A similar ship is to be ordered in Holland soon by Nedlloyd, P & O's Dutch partner in North Sea Ferries, which is one of the most successful shipping companies operating out of Britain.

Union pledge

The way was cleared for the new investment by P & O's recent sale of its money-losing five-ship English Channel ferry fleet to European Ferries for £12,500,000.

The ship is to be delivered in March 1987. Union leaders at Govan saw P & O yesterday and promised to deliver a quality ship on time.

British Shipbuilders beat rivals from many parts of the world, including West Germany, Japan and South Korea, to win the contract.

Govan is also in the running for a contract to build three bulk carriers for a Turkish owner. One of the carriers will be built by Sunderland Shipbuilders if the contract is clinched.

The new ship will have capacity for cars and lorries and large public rooms. All cabins will be of cruise-liner standard. She is the biggest passenger ship built in Britain since the QE2, 67,140 tons, was delivered in 1969 from Clydebank's John Brown yard.

NEW RISE IN PETROL PRICES

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

A SECOND round of petrol rises in a week started last night as oil companies completed a third increase in the cost of industrial fuel so far this year amid strong protests from road hauliers.

Shell led the way with a 2·7p a gallon rise, taking the cost of a four-star gallon to an average of 194·6p after last week's 3p-4p increase. Other major groups are expected to follow suit.

The price of diesel is rising more steeply, up by 6p a gallon to 194·1p. Diesel has risen 32p a gallon since September and is more expensive then petrol at present in European markets partly because of heavy demand for heating oil.

Oil companies expect an increase in petrol duty in next month's Budget, pushing the cost of a gallon through the £2 barrier.

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PIT TALKS

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TUC liaison group monitoring pit strike called to talks with Mr Walker, Energy Secretary.

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London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill given second reading by 266-197. Government majority 69.

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BANKS TO SET UP AN OMBUDSMAN

By Our Banking Correspondent

Britain's big banks are to set up a Banking Ombudsman to deal with complaints next year in line with recommendations of the National Consumer Council.

He wil deal with personal customers only. Business customers will be expected to settle their problems directly with the banks or else go to law.

The Ombudsman will have power to make awards of up to £50,000 and deal with complaints arising from bank activity in making loans as well as providing trust and insurance services.

54 ESCAPE

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

Fifty-four East Germans escaped to the West over the 870-mile-long, heavily fortified inter-German border last year compared with 51 in 1983 and 72 in 1982. West German border authorities reported yesterday.

150 killed in Spanish air crash

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

AT least 150 passengers and crew, including two Britons, were killed yesterday when an Iberia Airlines Boeing 727 plunged into a mountainside near Bilbao, in Spain's Basque country.

The "businessman's special" from Madrid to Balbao hit a television mast and other aerials before crashing into the mountain. It was 18 miles from touchdown at Sondica airport.

The first rescuers found the bodies of passengers and the wreckage "spread like confetti" near the hamlet of Bolivar. The civil guard commander in charge said: The nearest road is a kilometre away and everything is knee deep in mud.

"It is just possible that someone was still alive after the initial impact but no one could have survived after the explosions that set fire to what remained of the aircraft."

Married last Summer

The Britons were named as Philip Moon, 30, a representative of the Oxford University Press in Spain from Burnham Beaches, Buckinghamshire, and Robert Wallis, a businessman based in Madrid. The British Embassy in Madrid was still investigatin gthe nationality of three others.

Mr Moon leaves a widow, Lesley, 20. The couple met in Portugal and were married in Oporto last summer. His parents have four other children.

Among several prominent Spaniards on board was Señor Gregoria Lopez Brava, who was a former Foreign Minister and earlier had been Minister of Industry during the Franco régime.

Fourteen months ago Spain was stunned by two major air disasters in the space of ten days. Both happened at Madrid's Barajas airport and in the first, 181 people were killed, and in the second, 93.

Unpopular Airport—P21

POUND STANDS UP TO FRESH SURGE IN $

By Our Financial Correspondent

Sterling stood up well to a further surge in the dollar yesterday and closed at $1·09¼ after dipping to $1·0880. The £ also gained 2·3 pfennigs to DM3·62¼ and almost 7½ centimes to 11·08 French francs, and its trade-weighted average rose 0·4 to 71·6 per cent.

Demand for dollars resumed on the Continent. Initial buying sent it through the DM3·30 barrier before the Bundesbank stepped in and sold about $50 million. It closed at DM3·3140, up alumost two pfennigs.

Interest rates in the London money market edged higher because of the strength of the $. Government stocks also held up well while share prices shrugged off initial uncertainties, with the FINANCIAL TIMES 30 share index closing 7·0 at 977·5.

UNITA 'TO FREE BRITONS TODAY'

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Three Britons who were among a group of foreigners seized by Unita guerrillas in a raid on an Angolan mining town in December are expected to be released today. They are Mr Glen Dixon, Mr Paul Huggins and Mr John McMichael.

They are among a group of 22 who have travelled 800 miles, much of it on foot, since the raid on Kafunfo, north-east Angola.

FILM MAN SHOT

By Our Crime Correspondent

The body of Mr Adam Sedgewick, 22, described as a site director for a film company, was found in a house in Fabian Road, Fulham, early yesterday. He had been shot at least twice with a shotgun.

SHIPS ATTACKED

Iran attacked three ships in the Southern Gulf yesterday about 100 miles from Abu Dhabi. P1.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Pressure high across Britain but weakening trough will linger across S. parts.

LONDON, S.E., CEN. S. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS, E. ANGLIA: Perhaps little rain, sleet or snow at first, cloudy. Wind S., light. Max. 39F (4C).

E., N. ENGLAND, N. WALES, CHANNEL IS.: Dry, sunny periods. Wind variable becoming S.W., light. 45F (7C).

S. W. ENGLAND, S. WALES: Drizzle in places. Wind S. light. 45F (7C).

S. SCOTLAND, N. IRELAND: Early fog patches, dry, sunny periods. Wind W. becoming S.W., light. 45F (7C).

S. NORTH SEA: Wind S.W., force 5 veering W., Sea moderate becoming rough.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. C.: (E): S., 1-3. Smooth.

IRISH SEA: Variable, 1-3. Smooth.

OUTLOOK: Rain in N. and W., mainly dry in S.E.

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Pit overtures revived by No 10 talks

By *JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent*

FRESH moves in the bid to find a basis for settling the 50-week pit strike were underway last night following an hour-long meeting between Mrs Thatcher and TUC leaders.

The seven-strong monitoring group of senior union leaders, led by Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, were at Congress House, London, awaiting the outcome of behind-the-scenes contacts between the parties.

Mr Peter Walker, Energy Secretary, had been conveying the TUC's view to the Coal Board.

The TUC was maintaining contact with both the miners' union and leaders of the pit deputies, Nacods.

Today the full 24-man NUM executive is due to reconvene in London to prepare for a special delegate conference on the dispute.

Details of the peace moves were being kept confidential during the exchange transmitted via the TUC and the Energy Secretary.

Central point

But they still centre around draft Coal Board proposals reported by Mr Willis to the NUM executive last week. Attempts so far by the NUM to get these terms modified have met with a Board response that they are "not negotiable."

Mrs Thatcher also emphasised to the TUC yesterday that while the Government wants an early resolution of the strike, any agreement "must deal clearly and unambiguously with the central point of the dispute."

This was a firm indication to the NUM that Ministers will support the Coal Board in refusing to allow union amendments which delete all reference to the closure of uneconomic pits from the proposed peace formula.

It was thought that the Board

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GAG LIFTED ON NUM SPOKESMAN

NUM leaders in South Wales have lifted the gag on the man who has acted as their spokesman for the past 11 months. Dr Kim Howells, 37, was ordered last week to make no further Press or TV comments after a row over suggestions that the area's 19,600 miners might return to work without a national settlement.

But yesterday, following a meeting of the South Wales executive, Dr Howells was reinstated in the role. It is understood the executive were surprised at the volume of support for him.

JOSEPH SCHOOLS 'EXOCET'

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

AS the National Union of Teachers named 216 schools to be hit next week by a three-day strike over their 12½ per cent. pay claim, Sir Keith Joseph yesterday dropped a bombshell which left the employers' negotiating position in shreds.

The Education Secretary told the Commons there was "no prospect whatsoever" of funding a separate 7 per cent. package wanted for restructuring the teaching profession.

Leading members of the employers' negotiating team were stunned by Sir Keith's comments. "Good God!" exclaimed one. "He's dropped an Exocet on us. Where are we supposed to go from here?"

The team have carefully costed a package that would add just over 7 per cent. to the salaried bill before taking into account the annual pay rise.

It would have revamped teachers' salary scales and imposed tougher new contracts and regular assessments for teachers.

Suitable deal

Before putting the restructuring package to the teachers the employers' leader, Mr Philip Merridale, took it to Sir Keith and was told that if he and the teachers could reach a suitable deal Sir Keith would fight for the money needed in Cabinet. No figure was mentioned.

Sir Keith said he saw no prospect whatsoever of a 7 per cent. increase and hoped teachers' leader "will not mislead their members."

Meeting the teachers' 12½ per cent. pay claim in full would cost £535 milion, the employers estimate. The cost of a 7 per cent. restructuring package would be around £400 million in the first full year.

Schools affected—P2

KIDNAP–THE IRA HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION

By A J. McILROY

THE godfathers of the I R A and the Irish National Liberation Army have extorted millions of pounds in kidnap ransoms, most of them unreported for fear of reprisals.

Security forces on both sides of the border admit that although massive publicity has been generated by spectacular kidnap cases, these are the tip of the iceberg.

Three relatively recent 'spectaculars' that went wrong illustrate just how much the terrorists rely on this activity at a time when inflation and the rising dollar have pushed up the cost of arms.

A two-million pound ransom was demanded for the return of the Derby-winner Shergar, taken in February 1983 from the Co. Kildare stables of the Aga Khan. The ransom was never paid and the stallion's fate remains unknown.

In the following summer the I R A hungled the kidnapping of supermarket chief Mr Galen Weston, and when at the end of the year they snatched Mr Don Tidey, Mr Weston's chief executive, police rescued him unharmed after 23 days in captivity, the £5 million ransom unpaid.

If all three kidnaps had worked it would have netted the I R A £12 million to finance its terrorist activities, to give money to the families of men and women terrorists in prison or detention, and to fund its political front, Provisional Sinn Fein.

The kidnappings took an even nastier turn at this time with the increasing activity of the I R A's breakaway faction, I N L A, who continue to raise many thousands of pounds in actual or threatened kidnaps in border areas.

Planner demoted

So seriously did the Provisionals take the setback over the three major kidnappings that they demoted the "mastermind" behind them, a man from Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland, who had advocated past spectaculars that included the helicopter escape of I R A prisoners from Mountjoy prison, Dublin, in 1973.

The kidnap fear is ever-present but rarely talked about among the wealthy in the Republic, particularly executives working for multi-national companies.

Some are even paying £2,000 a year premiums to insure themselves against kidnappers.

One Dublin brokerage confirmed yesterday that it continued to have well over £1 million worth of business on its books from frightened potential targets.

Lloyd's insurance

A leading underwriter with Lloyd's of London has disclosed insuring more than a dozen Irish businessmen against the risk. A number of claims have already been paid.

Of 10 major kidnappings in 12 months in the Republic, all but one were terrorist-related according to official sources.

On Oct. 13, 1981, Mr Bernard Dunne was taken on in full view of a Customs post. He was stopped at the scene of a fake traffic accident on the Eire side and captured by armed men.

He was released unharmed five days later. It is believed a ransom of £500,000 was paid.

The first major kidnapping of recent times was that of Mr William Johnstone, a member of the Northern Ireland Police Authority.

He was taken by the Provisional I R A in December, 1972, and released without any disclosure of a ransom being paid.

Niedermayer tragedy

A year later Mr Thomas Niedermayer, West German consul in Northern Ireland, was taken from his West Belfast home. His body was not found until March 1980.

A member of the Provisional I R A later received a 20-year sentence for his part in that kidnapping. It was believed Mr Niedermayer died of a heart attack shortly after his abduction.

The I R A was also believed to be responsible for the kidnapping of Lord and Lady Donoughmore in June 1974. They were held for four days after being taken from their home near Clonmel, Co Tipperary.

The kidnappers demanded the release of the Price sisters who were being held in Britain for their involvement in the London car bombing campaign. Lord and Lady Donoughmore were found in Dublin unharmed.

In 1975 Dr Tiede Herrema, chief executive of Ferenka, was seized on his way to work in Limerick. The kidnappers demanded the release from prison of Dr Rose Dugdale and a number of others who were serving sentences in the Republic for acts of political violence.

Dr Herrema, was rescued after a 17-day siege, and his kidnappers were captured.

LIBYANS' TRIAL VERDICTS SOON

The jury in the trial of four Libyan students accused of plotting to cause explosions in Whalley Range, Manchester, last March, is expected to retire to consider its verdicts at Manchester Crown Court this morning.

It will be the 13th day of the high security trial, in which the Crown alleges that a "hit squad" tried to terrorise enemies of Col Gaddafi's regime. During his summing up, Mr Justice Cantley told the jury to ignore what they had heard or read about Col Gaddafi and the regime in Libya.

PILOT NAMED

The Harrier pilot killed in Monday's mid-air collision over West Germany was named yesterday as Squadron Leader Bruce Cogram, 42, who helped train many of the Harrier pilots who flew in the Falklands campaign. A married man with three children, he was based at Gutersloh. His home was at Market Deeping, Lincs.

Men of the R A F Central Band forming a guard of honour at Lyneham, Wilts, when the bodies of 13 of the 19 airmen who died in last week's motorway crash in West Germany were flown home yesterday. The funeral service for the six other bandsmen will be held in Germany tomorrow.

PROBLEM OF BANK SECRECY

By BARBARA CONWAY
City Staff

THE action by the Dail has raised once again the question of how the movement of suspect funds can be identified and traced through the international banking system, despite virtually universal rules of strict banking secrecy.

Similar problems were faced last year by the sequestrators appointed by the courts to trace, and secure, monies belonging to the National Union of Miners.

Most of the major banks in Ireland yesterday were anxiously awaiting further details of the case raised in Parliament since it was quite possible that the bank concerned might not be aware of its involvement until the serving of the court order.

Bank officials pointed out that large sums of money could easily have been split into several individual accounts, to attract less attention, and that even sums of over £1 million would be unremarkable if they were in a business account in a financial centre such as Dublin.

'U.S. origin'

The brief account given by Mr Michael Noonan, Justice Minister, of the way that the money had reached the republic included a reference to the funds being moved "across international frontiers" before reaching Ireland, and that there was independent evidence to verify the police information because of "legal proceedings taken by an unnamed public authority in a foreign country."

Banking circles in Dublin, where many executives stayed late at the office trying to squeeze more information from the financial grapevine, suggested last night that the funds had originated in the United States and that the American authorities have been inquiring into the exact extent of fund-raising there for the I R A.

Copyright levy on all blank tapes proposed

By ROBIN STRINGER TV and Radio Correspondent

LEVIES on blank audio and video tape are recommended in a Government Green Paper published yesterday.

They would be collected and distributed to copyright owners as compensation for the home-taping of their music and their films.

The paper sets maximum limits for the levies of 10 per cent. on an audio tape and five per cent. on a video tape.

Each levy, payable at the point of sale, would yield about £5 million a year.

Mr Pattie, the Industry and Information Technology Minister, said he was seeking responses to the proposals by the end of April with the intention of incorporating them in a new Copyright Bill to be introduced during the next Parliamentary session.

But there would be exemptions, such as audio tapes of less than 55 minutes' playing time and certain groups such as the blind who used tape for purposes which did not infringe copyright.

Not justified

No exemption is proposed for education establishments but payment of the levy would entitle them to make recordings of all broadcast material for re-playing at any time during the teaching process.

The Tape Manufacturers' Group said last night: "We do not accept that a levy is justified and nor do groups like the National Consumer Council.

Video firm beats BBC with 'Dallas' episodes

By Our T V and Radio Correspondent

ADDICTS of "Dallas" unable to wait even until March 27 for the B B C's resumption of the saga will now be able to see almost all the remaining 13 episodes before then if they so wish.

Yesterday, in response to the B B C's decision to bring forward the showings from the autumn to next month, Guild Home Video said that it would now "rush-release" the episodes starting with the first three on Feb. 27 and continuing with the rest in batches of three at fortnightly intervals so that all would be out by mid-April.

Previously the company had intended to release them at monthly intervals, but the B B C decision announced on the air by Terry Wogan on Monday night made it think again.

"Clearly, our wish to bring 'Dallas' back to the public has worked well," said Iain Muspratt, Guild's group managing director, last night.

This latest manoeuvre in the long-running "Dallas" saga stems from Thames Television's original acquisition of the next "Dallas" series.

That provoked a hurt B B C to cut off its current "Dallas" series in midstream on Feb. 6 and postpone the remaining 13 episodes to the autumn when Thames planned to screen the new series.

But on Monday, the day Guild announced its video plan, the B B C countered with the new, earlier starting date for the resumption.

STANLEY STANDS FIRM

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
Political Staff

THE haze of cordite which built up during Monday's climactic Commons debate on the sinking of the Belgrano and the prosecution of Mr Clive Ponting dispersed yesterday with the Government convinced its handling of the issue had been vindicated.

Mr John Stanley, armed forces minister, whose resignation Labour spokesmen had sought for allegedly seeking to mislead the House, remained at his post after vigorously defending his conduct during the closing speech of the debate.

And the promise of Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary, to supply the document on the sinking of the Belgrano known as the "Crown Jewels" to the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee was seen as having subdued charges of excessive secrecy.

Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, insisted in a BBC radio interview yesterday morning that there were still important questions to be answered

No split

Meanwhile the Liberals and S D P were playing down talk of a split after they had taken separate courses in the second of two votes at the close of the debate.

In the first, the House rejected by 350 votes to 202, a Government majority of 148, a Labour contention that Ministers had betrayed their responsibility to Parliament

In the second, a Government motion recognised that the sinking of the Belgrano was a "necessary and legitimate action" was carried by 351 votes to nil.

The alliance parties voted with Labour in the first division, on the ground that while they endorsed the sinking of the Belgrano they felt the issue had been mishandled since.

But in the second vote the S D P sided with the Government while the Liberals, together with the official Opposition, abstained.

Special Article—P20

Coaling crews defy court ruling to lift blockade

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

A MASS meeting of crewmen from three coaling vessels berthed on Tyneside voted yesterday to ignore a High Court ruling, granted on Monday to shipowners Stephenson Clarke, that they should take on coal destined for Thames power stations.

They did so after Mr James Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, had told them that he and his officials, on whom the injunction was served, would not risk contempt proceedings by defying it.

Mr Slater said later: "I explained to the crew members that to avoid prosecution I must withdraw the instruction that the coal should not be loaded. But at that point my members decided to take the matter into their own hands."

Mr Vincent Allison, the union's Tyneside official, on whom the injunction was also served, said: "There is no question of our defying the law—that is a mug's game and can only lead to immense fines as we have seen in other cases.

"But what the men decide to do themselves is obviously quite different and in this case they were absolutely unanimous that the ships will stay empty."

Chartered by C E G B

The three vessels, the Pulborough and Steyning berthed at Blyth and the Wilmington lying at Jarrow, are all owned by the Stephenson Clark line which was granted the injunction by Mr Justice Staughton.

The Central Electricity Generating Board has chartered them to carry coal from the Northumberland and Durham coalfields to the London area power stations, but the unions imposed the "blacking" in support of the miners' strike.

Even if the crewmen had agreed to take on the coal, the Transport Workers Union and the Ntaional Union of Railwaymen have said their shore-based loaders will refuse to move it.

At yesterday's mass meeting of the crews in Blyth, men from three other ships — the Oswestry Grange, Garrison Point and Crusader Point — also agreed not to take on coal supplies for the power stations.

Mr Slater said: "It does seem that the serving of the injunction has had the effect of hardening attitudes at grass roots level."

DATES AGREED FOR TWO PITS TO CLOSE

The closure dates of two pits in Nottinghamshire were agreed yesterday at a colliery review meeting attended by Coal Board and union representatives. Moorgreen colliery, at Eastwood, will close on July 19, and Pye Hill, Jacksdale, on Aug. 12.

Moorgreen employed 1,050 and Pye Hill 1,070 until the management and unions, including the N U M, agreed two years ago to run down the work force. Today Moorgreen employs 410 and Pye Hill 500. About 140 employees will remain to complete salvage work.

There have been no compulsory redundancies, and employees aged up to 50 have been offered alternative jobs. Those over 50 have zeen offered the choice of voluntary redundancy or a job at another colliery.

376 more miners abandon strike

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

MORE than 300 miners abandoned the strike and returned to work yesterday, to take the total returning so far this week to 1,420.

Last week the total returning in the first two days was 1,580.

One third of the 376 "new faces" in the pits yesterday — 126 miners—went back in the North East, where the strike was solid for the first six months, but now has more than one third of the miners back at work.

46·75 pc figure

Another 107 men went back in Yorkshire, to take the number at work there to more than one miner in seven.

Scotland, a third area which was solidly on strike until late last year saw 76 miners clocking on for the first time in the 50-week-old strike.

There are now 87,000 N U M members defying the strike, out of a total of National Union of Mineworkers members on the Coal Board's books of 136,094.

This is equivalent to 46·77 per cent., close to the 50 per cent. which the Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor has said he will regard as a majority "vote" against the strike.

The miners who returned to work yesterday were in the following areas:

	New faces	Total working	Workforce
Yorks	107	7,420	49,500
Scotland	76	5,091	12,400
N. East	126	8,308	20,200
N. Derbys	26	6,716	10,500
Notts	3	25,735	27,000
S. Mids	5	9,341	9,742
Western	18	11,693	14,200
S. Wales	14	478	19,600

There was one other new starter in a coal products plant.

The aggregate total at work does not equal the Coal Board's total nationally defying the strike because on any one day some non-striking miners are always absent through illness and rest days.

204 schools on teachers' hit-list

THE names of 204 of the schools to be involved in the first three-day selective action by the National Union of Teachers from Feb. 26-28 are:

SUNDERLAND

Castle View, Sunderland; Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, Biddick School, Washington; Barmwell Primary, Houghton-le-Spring; Barnside Primary, Houghton-le-Spring; Grindon Infant, Sunderland; Hetton Lyons Primary, Houghton-le-Spring; Fatfield Primary, Washington; High Usworth Junior, Washington.

BOLTON

Moss County Primary; Breightmet County Primary; Bolton Parish C of E; Johnson Fold County; Pike Lane Junior; George Tomlinson Secondary; Harper Green; Hayward Secondary; Shaftes Secondary; Deane High; West Houghton Secondary; Withins Secondary.

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Fulford School, York; Danesmead Secondary Modern, York; Our Lady's RC Primary, York; Bordsley Infants School, York; Tadcaster Grammar.

BRADFORD

Belle View Girls' Upper; Beckfoot Upper; Greenland Upper; Eccleshill Upper; Highfield Middle, Bradford; Frank Middle; Highfield Middle, Keighley; Utley First, Keighley; Eastwood First, Keighley.

LEEDS

Alreborough Grammar; Harehills Primary; Horsforth; Wetherby High; Middlethorne Middle.

WAKEFIELD

Hemsworth High, Pontefract; Minsthorpe High, Pontefract; Crofton High, Wakefield; Smawthorpe Middle, Castleford; Moorthorpe First, Elmshall.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Dukeries Comprehensive, New Ollerton; Arno Holt Junior, Hucknall; Northfield Junior, Mansfield Woodhouse; Edgewood Primary, Hucknall; Joseph Whitaker Comprehensive, Newark; Balderton Grove, Newark; Lilley & Stone Comprehensive, Newark; Frank G. Olds Primary, Nottingham; Dunkirk Primary, Nottingham; Rosslyn Junior, Nottingham; Rosslyn Infants, Nottingham; Ambleside Junior, Nottingham; Ambleside Infants, Nottingham; Claremont Primary, Nottingham; Killisick Junior, Arnold; Pinewood Primary, Arnold.

NORTHANTS

Rockingham Primary, Corby; St Patrick's Primary, Corby; Woodnewton Way Infants, Corby; Hawthorn Primary, Kettering; Millbrook Junior, Kettering; Latimer Comprehensive, Kettering; Moulton Comprehensive, Northampton; Lings Upper, Northampton; Blackthorne Middle, Northampton; Goldings Middle, Northampton.

SOLIHULL

Shirley Heath Junior; Lyndon Secondary; Sixth Form College; Whitesmore Secondary.

BIRMINGHAM

Broadway Secondary; Holte Secondary; Kings Norton Boys Secondary; Sheldon Heath Secondary; Shenley Court Secondary; Lozells Primary; St Bernards RC Primary; Aston Junior.

WALSALL

Darlaston Secondary; Frank Harrison Secondary; Joseph Leckie Secondary.

WARWICKSHIRE

Polesworth Secondary; Goodyers End Middle; Mixoe Middle; Bigham Secondary; Polesworth Middle; Bulkington, St James Primary.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Hinchingbrook Secondary; Ernulf Secondary; Longsands Secondary; Comberton Secondary.

SUFFOLK

Bunsey Middle; St John Leman Secondary, Bungay; Bungay High; Leiston High, Bungay; Scalthock Middle, Newmarket; Barton End Primary, Newmarket; Westfield Primary, Newmarket; Parkway Middle, Newmarket; Newmarket Upper.

EAST SUSSEX

Whitehawk First, Brighton; Whitehawk Middle, Brighton; Stanley Deason Secondary, Brighton; Longhill High, Brighton; Dorothy Stringer High, Brighton; Cardinal Newman R.C. High, Hove; Blacklands Primary, Hastings; Thomas Peacocke, Rye.

KENT

Burchwood Primary, Dartford; Brent Junior, Dartford; York Road Junior, Dartford; Downs Secondary, Dartford; West Boys' Secondary, Dartford; Longfield Upper, Dartford; New Ash Green Middle, Dartford; Dartford Boys' Grammar; Northfleet Girls' Secondary, Gravesham; Thamesview Secondary, Gravesham; Southfleet Secondary, Gravesham; Meopham Secondary, Gravesham.

DORSET

Portland Secondary; Summerby Junior, Bournemouth; Castlefield Upper, Dorchester; Hardye Upper.

DEVON

Yeo Valley Primary; Ilfracombe Comprehensive; Cowl Vale Community College, Exeter; Tiverton; Callumpton.

BERKSHIRE

Waingels Copse, near Reading; St Crispins, near Reading; Bulmershe, near Reading; Greenham Court Primary, Newbury; Speenham'and Primary, Newbury; Turnpike Secondary, Newbury; St Bartholomew's Secondary, Newbury.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Maidenhill, Stroud; Marling, Stroud; Archway, Stroud; Manor Secondary, Stroud, Highwood, Stroud.

WILTSHIRE

George Ward, Melksham; St Lawrence, Bradford-on-Avon; John O'Gaunt, Trowbridge; Clarendon, Trowbridge.

BEXLEY

Barnes Cray Primary; Eastcote Primary, Northumber and Heath Primary; Bexley Technical High Girls; Blackfen Girls, Howbury Grange; Pecoran (Mixed); Riverside (Mixed); St Columba's R C Boys.

BRENT

Anson J M I; Braiffield J M I; Our Lady of Lourdes J M I; Roe Green J M I; Wykeham J M I; Claremont High; Copland High; Preston Manor High; Willesden High; William Gladstone High.

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Belmont Junior; Campsbourne Infants; Crowland Junior; Downhills Junior; Lordship Lane Infants; Muswell Hill Infants, Muswell Hill Junior; Rhodes Ave JMI; Risley Ave Junior; Rokesle Infants; St Aidans JMI; St Ignatius JMI;

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CROYDON

All Saints Junior; Downs Junior; Kenley Junior; Kenley Junior; St Mary's Junior; Addington High; Ashburton High; John Ruskin High; Monks Hill High; Selhurst High for Girls; Sylvan High.

Details for Cleveland not yet available.

Massive bill to repair Ronan Point blocks

By JOHN GRIGSBY, Local Government Correspondent

MILLIONS of pounds will be needed to put defects in Ronan Point and other blocks built by Taylor Woodrow Anglian, the Commons heard yesterday. About 90 buildings are involved.

Mr Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, said a Building Research Establishment study showed that the joints in the lower storey flank walls of Gowan Point did not "provide that wide margin of safety which is generally considered acceptable for buildings of this type."

The 22-storey block partly collapsed in 1968 with the less of five lives when a gas explosion blew out concrete load-bearing panels.

After it discovered small gaps where non-loadbearings panels met the floor, Newham Council decided last year to evacuate the building.

The research establishment, said Mr Gow, considered the gaps were unacceptable because they could allow fire and fumes to spread between neighbouring flats.

He added: "The conclusions drawn from the assessment of Ronan Point are likely to apply in some degree to other Taylor Woodrow Anglian buildings, depending on the details of construction in each case."

All the buildings should be appraised to find whether they could resist the spread of fumes and fire.

Of the 90 high-rise blocks of flats built to the system, 20, including Ronan Point, were of 14 or more storeys and had similar joints.

It has been calculated by Building Design Partnership, architects called in by Newham council, that it would cost £1 million to put right the defects in Ronan Point and each of the other local blocks.

The research establishment says the job could be done more cheaply but is not prepared to put a cost on the total work.

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JUDGE OUTLAWS GIRL'S DANGER TRIP TO SCHOOL

A HERDSMAN and his wife who kept their daughter home from school rather than condemn her to a dangerous country walk because she was refused a council bus pass won the overwhelming support of the High Court yesterday.

In a bitter three-year dispute with Essex county council, PETER and VIOLET ROGERS had been found guilty by local magistrates of failing to send 13-year-old SHIRLEY to school—a verdict reluctantly upheld on appeal by Chelmsford Crown Court.

But yesterday Lord Justice PARKER and Mr Justice TUDOR EVANS vindicated them completely.

Outside the court, Mr Rogers, 57, said "I'm glad someone has seen sense at last.

"My only complaint is that it's taken nearly three years. we have been harassed and messed about all that time simply because bureaucratic officials refused to admit they had made a mistake.

"We could have avoided all this if the people responsible for this stupid ruling had the courage to admit they were wrong."

106-yard wrangle

The council provides free bus passes to children living more than three miles from school.

It refused one to Shirley — then aged 11 — because the nearest available route from her cottage in Church Road, Copford, near Colchester, to Stanway comprehensive school was 106 *yards* short of three miles.

But that route led over a lonely pot-holed track that was often flooded. Her parents refused to let her use it — a view supported by police, safety experts, the local government ombudsman and even a Crown Court judge.

Because the family could not afford £20 a term for a bus pass, Mrs Rogers walked to school with Shirley over main roads.

Council's responsibility

But when she fell ill last year her £85-a-week husband could not get time off work, so Shirley has not been to school since September.

Yesterday Lord Justice Parker said the council was wrong not to take into account that the route was too dangerous for a young girl to walk.

"When young girls are as frequently subject to assaults as they presently are, I would have expected a local authority, whose duties include looking after the interests of children in their area, to have regarded any route the use of which would expose children to the risk of such attacks as not being an available route."

G This one involved crossing Copford Plains by an isolated, unlit and partly unmade track. In winter it was extremely difficult to cross, sometimes being passable on foot in the morning but impassable in the evening.

No responsible parent would allow a young girl to use it alone in winter.

He suspected that the council would have agreed but for legal authority of the 1954 case of Shaxted v Ward, which it believed prevented it from taking dangers into account.

But the judge said he did not regard that case as deciding that a route was "available," even if unsafe.

Council may appeal

Last May Colchester magistrates found Mr and Mrs Rogers guilty under the 1944 Education Act of failing to send Shirley to school. They were conditionally discharged for 12 months.

Later the Crown Court upheld the verdict but substituted an absolute discharge, with Judge Martyn Ward describing the education department's policy as "harsh and unfeeling" and urging officials to think again.

Yesterday the High Court sent the case back to the Crown Court with a direction to acquit. The parents were awarded costs.

Mr Rogers said last night: "I hope the council will now have the good grace to give Shirley a bus pass so she can go back to school on Monday."

An Essex Education Department spokesman said: "The question of whether or not she will be granted a pass will be taken before the weekend. We also have to consider whether to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords against today's judgment."

Mrs Violet Rogers and her thirteen-year-old daughter Shirley walking through the woods that lead to the High Court case.

Marquess is accused of burglary

By T. A. SANDROCK
Crime Correspondent

THE Marquess of Blandford, 29, son and heir of the 11th Duke of Marlborough, has been charged with burglary and will appear at Horseferry Road magistrates' court on Tuesday.

A great nephew of the late Sir Winston Churchill, he was charged in the name of Charles James Spencer-Churchill. He was described as an insurance broker of Greycott Place, Chelsea.

The marquess was arrested in a Pimlico street early on Saturday morning and taken to Gerald Road police station for questioning concerning a burglary at The Pharmacy, Pimlico Green, Pimlico Road.

Police took possession of substances which have been sent for analysis and he was given police bail after being charged.

The Marquess was educated at Harrow. He is heir to the family home, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

PROSECUTION RULED OUT IN DEAD Pcs CASE

Mr Roger Giles, 18, who was told he could have been charged with causing death by reckless driving when two plain-clothed policemen were killed in a car crash after he mistook them for muggers and tried to escape, is not to be prosecuted, it was announced yesterday.

At an inquest last month verdicts of accidental death were recorded on Pcs Peter Deans, 25 and Jonathan Stapley, 27, who died when their unmarked police car skidded and smashed into a tree during the 90 m p h chase near Avonmouth on Dec. 29 last year.

Mr Giles, a barman from Portishead, near Bristol, said yesterday: "I am relieved. But they would never have died if they had carried some identification." A police spokesman said: "We are still reviewing our policy on the use of unmarked cars."

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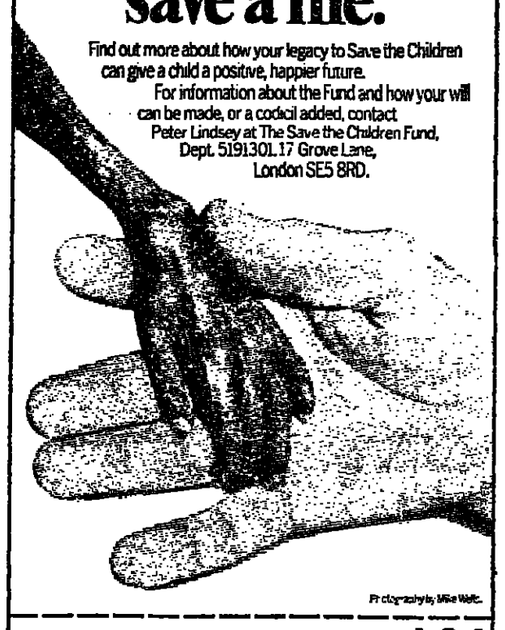

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Trains swept away by Eiger avalanche

By OUR GENEVA CORRESPONDENT

AN artificially-induced avalanche roared out of control down the Eiger Wall, in central Switzerland, crashing into two empty passenger trains and killing a conductor, police said yesterday.

The train driver was seriously injured, and rescue parties with avalanche rescue dogs were searching for a station master who was swept away.

One of the trains was carried about 600ft down the mountainside by the snow.

The accident occurred when avalanche experts tried to loosen a massive build-up of snow on the Eiger near Grindelwald because it threatened the tracks of the Wengeneralpban, a small mountain railway.

Near Zermatt a French skier was crushed to death by another avalanche after straying from the marked pistes. He was dug out by companions, but could not be resuscitated.

Traffic chaos

The heaviest snowfall of the century has buried much of south-western Switzerland and the Haute Savoie region of France overnight in up to three feet of snow.

Traffic chaos continued in Geneva, Thonon and Evian, with many bus and tram lines still out of commission and all but major roads buried in deep snow.

One hardware store owner reported selling £1,000-worth of snow shovels in half an hour on Monday while many filling stations ran out of car chains.

Unlike the rest of Switzerland, Geneva rarely receives heavy snow and its residents appeared largely unprepared for the weekend storm.

The Mont Blanc tunnel linking the area to Italy was made accessible to truck and car traffic heading south,

Geneva's Cointrin airport became fully operational yesterday for the first time since Saturday night, the longest closure in its history.

WOLVES RAID HOMES

Cattle killed

ROBERT TILLEY in Munich writes: Packs of wolves and jackals are being driven by the severe winter weather to raid farms and villages in Bulgaria. Nearly 100 wolves are reportedly marauding in the area of Ivailovgrad, in the south of the country, killing many cattle and domestic animals.

Local hunters, trying to keep the animals at bay, have shot 20 wolves and jackals since January, the Bulgarian news agency BTA said yesterday.

Skating marathon

Fears that the first 110-mile skating marathon around northern Holland for 22 years may have to be cancelled because of the mild weather conditions were allayed yesterday when officials said that a sudden spell of sustained cold weather had made the ice thick enough for it to go ahead on Thursday. About 16,000 competitors are expected.—Reuter.

YOUTH STABBED AS HE HELPED POLICEWOMAN

Neil Denton, 17, a schoolboy, was stabbed in the back as he tried to help a policewoman who was being set upon by a crowd of 25 youths outside the Lasers discotheque in Torquay, Devon.

Neil, of Lower Warberry Road, Torquay, who received stitches to the wound, said: "I went to try and help her and then I felt this sharp pain between my shoulder blades. Then everyone ran off, and it wasn't until afterwards that I found there was blood running down my back."

W Ps Mary Simpson, 28, was kicked and punched in the incident but was not seriously hurt. Two youths were arrested.

EAST GERMANS BATTLE WITH THE COLD

About 20,000 soldiers, police and emergency workers are battling to maintain supplies of coal and raw materials to East German factories during bitter weather.

The Communist party newspaper NEUES DEUTSCHLAND said yesterday explosives and open fires were being used at lignite mines near Leipzig to penetrate frosts up to 4ft deep.

Lignite, a low-quality brown coal, is East Germany's only natural fuel and its production is being stepped up to conserve costly imported oil. The temperature in East Germany has fluctuated between 14 and minus four degrees Fahrenheit since the weekend.—Reuter.

FREEZING FROGS

Animal welfare organisations have launched a "frog watch" because so many are dying from hypothermia in icy ponds. Anyone finding a frozen frog should place it in a damp sheltered place, says the Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation.

Fingerprints on IRA cache found by laser

A NEW laser technique was used by Scotland Yard experts to discover fingerprints on items in an IRA cache of bomb-making materials, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Mr DAVID TADD, fingerprint officer with 17 years' experience, said he used the system to find the thumbprint of a 29-year-old elfast man, THOMAS QUIGLEY, on a birth certificate.

The mark, not visible to the naked eye, "glowed" under the laser beam system, Mr Tadd said.

The print of Quigley's left thumb was on the document, which was found in the huge cache unearthed in woodland at Pangbourne, Berks, on Oct. 26, 1983.

Thumb mark

Mr Tadd said he also used the laser technique, in conjunction with chemical tests, to discover prints on a white plastic carrier bag from the hoard at Pangbourne.

One of them was identified as the left thumb mark of PAUL KAVANAGH.

A number of other Quigley and Kavanagh prints were found on additional items using chemical methods, the naked eye and fingerprint powder.

The items included documents, a transceiver and a wire reel.

Quigley, of Glenalena Road, Belfast, and Paul Kavanagh, also 29, of no fixed address, are accused of having been members of a Provisional IRA unit which carried out a month-long bombing campaign in London in autumn, 1981.

Between them they have denied 10 charges, including three murders.

They are alleged to have murdered Mrs NORAH FIELD, a 59-year-old widow, and an 18-year-old apprentice, JOHN BRESLIN, who both died when a nail bomb went off outside Chelsea barracks on Oct. 10, 1981, and Mr KENNETH HOWORTH, an explosives expert, who was blown up while defusing a bomb in an Oxford Street Wimpey Bar

They are also accused of attempting to murder Sir STEBART PRINGLE, Commandant General of the Royal Marines, who lost a leg when a bomb went off under his car on Oct. 17, 1981, and of causing a blast at the home of the Attorney General, Sir MICHAEL HAVERS, in Wimbledon on Nov. 13, 1981.

Mr ROY AMLOT, prosecuting, has said the prints of both men were found on the Pangbourne cache, described as "the most significant hoard of terrorist materials ever discovered in Britain."

The trial was adjourned until today.

Changes sought in kerb crawling Bill

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

INNOCENT men could be convicted of soliciting under the Bill aimed to outlaw kerb crawling, says the Law Society.

In a memorandum to MPs on the Sexual Offences Bill, introduced in the Commons by Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake, the society's standing committee on the criminal law says the Bill should be tightened to make only "persistent" soliciting an offence.

While the society's committee agrees that legislation is needed to protect women who are sexually harassed by kerb crawlers and others, it fears the Bill, as drafted, may lead to wrongful convictions.

The Bill, which received a second reading in the Commons on Jan. 25, makes it an offence for a man to solicit a woman from a motor vehicle for the purpose of prostitution.

The Law Society, the solicitors' governing body, says it is concerned that the evidence of a single observer, whether a police officers, vigilante or passer-by, will be sufficient to secure a conviction.

It was impossible not to draw a parallel with the discredited "sus law" provisions of the 1824 Vagrancy Act which were repealed in 1981. Under that Act people could be convicted of being a "suspected person loitering with intent."

Under the new Bill any person observing a man approaching a woman from a motor vehicle might well be mistaken as to the man's purpose.

"Unless the observer is near enough to hear what the man says, any evidence which he or she gives can only describe the actions of the man or woman." A man seen stopping to ask the time in a "red light" district could be wrongly suspected of soliciting.

If the woman had no watch and shook her head, the inference from an observer's evidence could be that he had solicited the woman but had been refused, says the society.

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EEC IN GLOOM AS DEADLOCKS STAY UNSOLVED

By ALAN OSBORN
Common Market Correspondent in Brussels

THE Common Market was thrown into gloom and disarray last night when a two-day meeting of Foreign Ministers, designed to end the deadlock over the budget and enlargement of the E E C ended in total failure.

There is now serious doubt that Spain and Portugal can enter the Community at the start of next year, as scheduled.

eYsterday's meeting made it clear that the major E E C fishing countries — Britain, Denmark, Ireland, West Germany and France— are resolutely opposed to any improvements in the offer on fisheries that Spain has already flatly rejected.

A solution to the Community's serious cash crisis looks equally remote, following West Germany's continued refusal to accept a scheme supported by all other countries to fund the 1985 budget defici and provide for Britain's promised £600-million cut in contributions.

Bluntly rejected

A second version of this plan, amended to suit the West German reservations, was bluntly rejected by Bonn's Foreign Minister, Herr Hans Dietrich-Genscher, last night.

Italy, as president of the EEC, has summoned Foreign Ministers to a special emergency meeting tomorrow week in yet another attempt to achieve a breakthrough.

But the ough line taken yesterday by Britain and others over fishing and by West Germany over the budget, does not promise well.

Senor Fernando Moran, Spanish Foreign Minister, said his country was still hoping to enter the E E C next January. But he added: "We can wait three or four years."

The target date for completion of entry negotiations is the end of March. Any delay after that could make it impossible for the necessary Parliamentary ratifications to be effected in all 10 member states.

Practically all the enlargement discussion in the past two days of the Foreign Ministers' meeting has been devoted to the question of fishing.

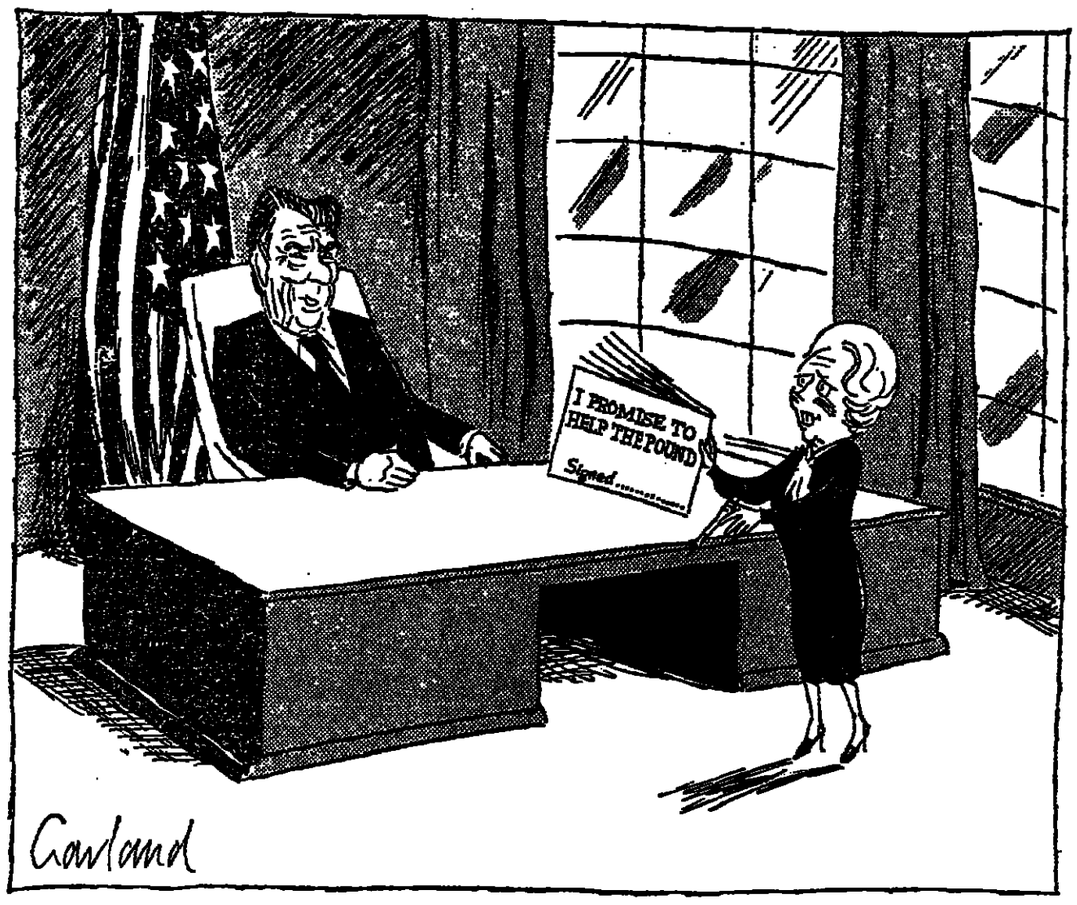
There are still disagreements over the terms to offer Spain and Portugal on agricultural access and the social rights of workers in other E E C countries, but these are not regarded as nearly so difficult.

A similar deadlock exists over the E E C's financial crisis. With West Germany still stubbornly resisting a solution endorsed by the nine other members, the E E C Budget Commissioner, Mr Henning Christophersen, said yesterday that lack of money was already causing problems for the Commission.

Mr Christophersen told ministers spending was having to be curtailed on agriculture, on regional and social policies, and on staff recruitment.

All members except West Germany support the idea of increasing the automatic annual revenue enjoyed by the E E C before the due date for the increase, Jan. 1 next year.

But Herr Genscher, insisted yesterday his country would not budge from the Fontainebleau agreement of last June which set next January for the start of the higher income.



"May I have your autograph? It's not for me, it's for my little boy Nigel."

Strong industry 'vital to Nato'

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER
Defence Staff

NATO is the most successful defence organisation in history, General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, told businessmen in London yesterday.

Addressing the American Chamber of Commerce on actions Western leaders should take to ensure that Europe continues to enjoy peace and freedom, he said the main step was to establish a strong Western European industrial base to compete with the United States.

This would open the door to the exchange of advanced technology and put an end to the wastage of billions of dollars through duplication of industrial effort.

General Rogers said it was important for the West to retain the strength of its strategic nuclear forces and to continue to deploy intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe.

But it was also essential that Nato should continue to strengthen its conventional forces, modernising weapon systems to enable any Russian advance to be stopped in its tracks.

"We can reach what we are seeking within the decade," he said, "and then be able to frustrate attack without resort to nuclear weapons, leaving the Soviets with the choice of either withdrawing or escalating the conflict to a nuclear exchange.

The conventional improvements needed would mean a sacrifice for the people, he said, but this was the price of peace.

Governments had a duty to remind their people of the unremitting build-up of Soviet military power, and to be on their guard against letting the Russians gain a superiority that could become decisive.

There was a growing danger, said General Rogers, that the Soviets might believe they could reach their objective of domination without starting a war.

WALESA IS DENIED ARREST

AUTHORITIES would not boost Lech Walesa's popularity by arresting the Solidarity founder for promoting a 15-minute nationwide strike, a Polish government spokesman, Mr Jerz y Urban, said yesterday.

"Lech Walesa does not hide the fact that he is dreaming about the arrest, as he wants to be more in the limelight behind bars." Mr Urban said at his weekly news conference.

A State prosecutor has warned Mr Walesa that he should drop his plans to organise a quarter-hour strike on Feb. 28 to protest against expected food price rises.

Criticism ignored

Mr Urban said: "The State authorities are of the opinion that they would become a laughing stock by arresting Walesa who is manipulated by various advisers and dancing to the tunes of their music." He also called Mr Walesa a "deplorable" figure.

Mr Walesa, reached by telephone in his Gdansk apartment, ignored Mr Urban's criticism.

"I am too serious a man to waste time answering back somebody who is not a partner for me, somebody whom I do not recognise," he said. "I neither strtove nor am I striving at being arrested."

Mr Urban also rebuffed an allegation on Friday by the Roman Catholic Church that the government had launched a propaganda campaign aimed at loosening Church-State ties.

"We seek a platform of agreement," Mr Urban said. "The communique is not conductive to this. It is detrimental to reconciliation."

As he spoke, a group of bishops released another statement protesting against what it said was the slander of Bishop Ignacy Tokarczuk, of the Przemysl diocese in south-eastern Poland.

Protest letter

The Bishops said Capt. Grzegorz Piotrowski, one of the four men convicted in the slaying of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, had claimed during his trial that Bishop Tokarczuk co-operated with the Nazis during the Second World War.

"Thousands of faithful in the diocese of Przemysl signed a letter of protest filed with the authorities" the bishops said.

Mr Urban also said Solidarity files handed to Polish authorities by an emigre Pole who returned under an amnesty had provided fresh evidence of treason by supporters of the free trade union abroad.

He said information the communist authorities say was supplied by Jacek Knapik was being used to further the investigation of Solidarity offices in Paris and Brussels.

Senior Solidarity figures in Poland and Brussels have no knowledge of Knaoik, whose documents, allegedly showing links between the union and the United States Central Intelligence Agency, have been given wide publicity on state television.

Mr Urban denied Knaoik was a member of the Polish security services and said any other details about him would be given on television.

The official Pap news agency said Knaoik had been living in Vienna for almost 10 years but gave no indication of how he obtained the documents described by the Interior Ministry as "vital and genuine." — UPI, Reuter.

MANDELA FAILS TO SIGN

The nomination of Nelson Mandela as Rector of Edinburgh University has ben rejected because the application form does not carry his signature.

The scrutiny committee has declared that the four "validated candidates" are Richard Demarco, an art gallery owner; Margo Macdonald, former SNP MP; Archie Macpherson, a footfall commentator; and Teddy Taylor, Conservative M P for Southend East.

Shultz under fire over U.S. aid for 'our brothers'

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

GROWING agitation in Congress over President Reagan's Central America policies found a target yesterday in Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, who was subjected to hostile questioning by members of the House foreign affairs committee.

Mr Shultz went before the committee to press for approval of Mr Reagan's $14·8 billion (£13·5 billion) foreign aid programme.

Instead, for most of the time, he was grilled about Central America, where the United States is supporting a Right-wing rebellion against the Nicaraguan government.

Mr Gerry Studds, a Democratic member of the committee who is a principal party spokesman on Latin American affairs, expressed wonder that Mr Reagan, in his radio address last weekend, could describe the Nicaraguan rebels as "your brothers," and compare them to the "freedom fighters" who had helped America gain its independence from the British.

Mr Studds thought Lewis Carroll may have been brought back from the dead and given a job as White House speechwriter.

Political murders

"The President appears to be embarking on another crusade in support this time of the Nicaraguan Thomas Jeffersons who are mining harbours and battling the communists for control of Managua," he said.

"Our brothers" in Nicaragua included those for whom the C I A had to produce a manual teaching them how to assassinate selectively "in order to improve their behaviour," who by their own admission routinely executed civilians, and who had carried out a series of political murders in Honduras.

The United States, he added, was so proud of its "brothers" that it tried to keep their actions covert.

Mr Studds asked Mr Shultz: "Can't we do better than this? Doesn't the President have something more exalted to ask of us than that we provide military aid to a mixed group of mercenaries and thugs and democrats, seeking to destroy a wretched regime in a poor country that has known nothing but repression and civil war since our own marines landed there, presumably as freedom fighters seven decades ago?"

Was it not possible to contain Nicaragua through defensive military force, diplomatic tools and joint approaches with allies, Mr Studds wanted to know.

He warned Mr Shultz that funding for the rebels was "dead" in Congress and concluded: "Surely, struggle for freedom should be more than a contest between their terrorists and our terrorists."

'Morally right'

But Mr Shultz was at his most imperturbable.

There was, he claimed, "a growing commonality of view," in the United States about what to do in Central America. It was "morally right" to see that a Cuban-style government did not become established in Managua.

Working for democracy included supporting the rebels.

Noting that it was the Soviet Union and Cuba who were trying to set up a Communist satellite state in Nicaragua, Mr Shultz declared:

"If the forces of dictatorship continue to feel free to aid and abet insurgencies in the name of totalitarian internationalism, it would be absurd if the democracies felt inhibited about promoting the cause of democracy."

The United States simply could not put up with a "Brezhnev doctrine" in the case of Nicaragua, a doctrine that said once a country became part of the Soviet camp it could never leave.

"I don't see why we should put up with that," Mr Shultz said.

Chernenko role

On other aspects of foreign policy Mr Shultz:

Suggested that the health of the Soviet leader, Mr Chernenko, did not hamper day-to-day relations with the United States. "What we see opposite us is a functioning government, and I don't see any reason to expect that to change."

Delayed a request for economic aid to Israel, pending reports that Jerusalem had pledged to initiate to halt inflation. Officials have said that Israel will probably be given about $2 billion (£1·8 billion), the same as last year;

Declared that the United States team at the nuclear arms talks in Geneva next month contained "three superb negotiators," who held good cards and would play them with skill and patience.

Rebels seek expanded Salvadoran role

By MARK FAZLOLLAH in Mexico City

A LEADER of American-sponsored guerrillas trying to topple the Nicaraguan Government has called for El Salvador to increase its clandestine assistance to the insurgents.

Military officials in El Salvador said Eden Pastora, who leads rebels fighting in southern Nicaragua, had made several trips to the Salvadoran capital during the past eight months to solicit more military assistance.

San Salvador's Ilopango air base reportedly has been used as a major supply centre for the rebels, who were organised and armed by the C I A.

One Latin American diplomat said senor Pastora's forces in the past had received helicopter training at Ilopango.

But an officer said Senor Pastora, also known as "Commander Zero," had sought access to additional Salvadoran military facilities, apparently in the eastern part of El Salvador.

El Salvador and Nicaragua are separated by a strip of Honduran territory less than 100 miles wide. Honduras, which harbours the largest rebel force, has threatened to kick the Rightist guerrillas out of its territory.

A military official said that within the Salvadoran armed forces, Senor Pastora had won the favour of Gen. Juan Rafael Bustillo, the commander of the armed forces.

He said Gen. Bustillo, who was on the far right among Salvadoran officers, made the decision to allow the American-sponsored guerrillas to use Ilopango.

A report from the United States said C-47 transport planes last year flew arms, ammunition and medical supplies from Ilopango base to Senor Pastora's men near the southern Nicaraguan town of San Juan del Norte.

Argentina finds a new man to fight inflation

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA in Buenos Aires

ARGENTINA'S Economy Minister, Senor Bernardo Grinspun, has resigned and is being replaced by Senor Juan Sourrouille, a respected young economist concerned with a gradual reduction of the country's high inflation.

President Raul Alfonsin is reported to have asked Senor Grinspun, a close friend, and Senor Enrique Garcia Vazquez, Central Bank chairman, to submit their resignations because serious disagreements between the two were blocking vital economic measures and tax reforms.

Senor Garcia Vazquez is being replaced by the Domestic Trade Secretary, Senor Alfredo Concepoion, 63.

Senor Sourrouille, 44, is leaving his post as Economic Planning Secretary. He is the author of a five-year economic plan presented last month at President Alfonsin's request.

The plan, which drew praise from labour leaders and businessmen alike, lays down guidelines for economic growth based on increased exports and private investment.

The new Economy Minister is not a member of the ruling Radical party. The resignations represent President Alfonsin's second Cabinet crisis since he took over from the military regime 14 months ago.

The first Minister to resign was Senor Antonio Mucci, who left the Labour Ministry in April, 1984, after a Government-sponsored Bill to re-organise trade unions was defeated in Congress.

During his period as Economy Minister Senor Grinspun successfully led Argentina to the renegotiation of its $48 billion (£44 billion) debt.

But on the domestic front he became the butt of growing criticism from all sectors in the country, including his own party, as he failed to contain rising interest rates and to curb inflation.

Senor Dante Caputo, Argentine Foreign Minister, says his country would welcome diplomatic initiatives from any naton to help restore normal relations with Britain.

"Whoever tries to bring both parties together will play a useful role." Senor Caputo said on Monday after Press reports from London that President Reagan of the United States might offer to mediate in the Falklands dispute when President Alfonsin of Argentina visits him in Washington next month.

The Minister said, however, that the United Nations secretary-general, Senor Peres de Cuellar, was the main mediator in the dispute.

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13 ARRESTED IN SOUTH AFRICAN CRACKDOWN

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICAN security police arrested 13 political activists in a nationwide crackdown yesterday on the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front and its affiliated organisations.

Police said that seven of those arrested would be released after questioning. The remaining six are to appear in the Durban Supreme Court tomorrow on charges of treason.

They are expected to be remanded then to face trial with eight other United Democratic Front leaders being held on similar charges.

The treason trial will start next month in Durban legal sources said.

Among United Democratic Front leaders arrested yesterday were Mrs Albertina Sisulu, co-president and wife of Mr Walter Sisulu, one of the jailed leaders of the African National Congress the Rev. Frank Chikane, a vice-president; and Mr Cassim Saloojee, the treasurer.

The police swoop has left the United Democratic Front, claimed by the Government to be a "front" for the banned African National Congress, virtually leaderless.

Pre-dawn raids

In pre-dawn raids police searched the homes of more than 30 Front activists, and later in the day seized piles of documents from offices in the Transvaal, Cape Province, and Natal.

Those held for questioning included members of church and trade union groups affiliated to the Front and staff members of community newspapers supporting the organisation.

In the dock at next month's treason trial will be the six anti-apartheid demonstrators who occupied the British Consulate in Durban last year, causing a sharp rift in South Africa's relations with Britain.

In Cape Town the Progressive Federal party, the official Opposition, criticised the police action and said the moves against the United Democratic Front would fuel the campaign to isolate South Africa.

Mrs Helen Suzman, the party's spokeswoman on law and order, said the raids against the Front showed that the Government was determined not to allow extra-Parliamentary opposition to develop.

"The Government takes no cognizance of the fact that a large number of people belonging to the U D F have no means of political expression through Parliamentary channels," she said.

'Perfect reply'

A spokesman for the Transvaal Indian Congress, a Front affiliate, said the police action was the "perfect reply" to all those who spoke of reform in South Africa.

He said: "At a time when Botha (the President, Mr P. W. Botha) is talking to Nelson Mandela and telling him to renounced violence he is arresting and changing with treason leaders of the U D F and other organisations who are, and always have been, totally committed to peaceful change."

He added that the move against the United Democratic Front had made a mockery of the offer to release Mr Mandela and other African National Congress leaders.

"Even if they had accepted the offer, how on earth would they have been able to campaign and work for peaceful change in this progressive climate?" the spokesman asked.

Bloodbath warning by Kaunda

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Copenhagen

DR KENNETH KAUNDA, Zambian President, said yesterday that if apartheid was not dismantled within three years many thousands of white and black South Africans would be killed.

Dr Kaunda, who is on a two-day official visit to Denmark, said that unless the Western nations quickly imposed sanctions "to bring the South Africans to their senses" a bloodbath would occure "which will make all other revolutions in Africa resemble a Sunday morning children's picnic.

"In South Africa, there are people who practise an ideology identical to Hitler's fascism and racial hatred. The question is now whether the world realises too late that an explosion is brewing — or whether it has learnt the lesson of the Second World War."

14,000 lost

"I am not talking of the front line states marching into South Africa, but when the 20 million black Africans, who have been sat upon by four million white Africans, can no longer wait, they will start running and rise up in a tide which not even bullets will stop," President Kaunda said.

"This will happen within three years if something is not done. We lost 14,000 in Zambia to force white Africans to live side by side with black Africans. The figure in South Africa will be at least 20 times that much."

Britain 'doing all she can to aid Sudan'

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE British Government was doing as much as it could to supply food to Sudan and it had to continue its aid, Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, said yesterday.

"The fact that we have spent £50 million so far in no way suggests that we should stop," he said.

The main difficulty affecting aid to the famine areas was not in actually supplying food but in getting it from the port to the people.

Sir Anthony returned to London yesterday with three other members of the committee who have been on a fact-finding tour in Sudan.

He found the situation a little better than he had expected and the aid was coming through at "just about the minimum necessary."

It was necessary to step up deliveries of food between now and May, when the rains would start.

"Then they may not be able to get anything through at all," he said. "They must have a stockpile, and they haven't got that yet."

Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, did not accept that the British Government was doing as much as it could. He thought it should supply more aid, more food, and more money.

"What it really needed is somebody to go out there and bang a few heads together at governmental level and get things moving," he said.

"There are at this minute people starving to death, and yet we've got people sitting in Brussels, Strasbourg, London and New York talking about it instead of getting out there and doing something."

Sir Anthony Kershaw

The group met President Numeiry of Sudan who has been personally criticised for his handling of the crisis. The Americans have suspended economic assistance largely because of his Government's incompetence.

"I think that he has possibly underrated the situation," said Sir Anthony. "There are those in ministerial circles in the Sudan who admit they should have sounded the alarm two or three months sooner."

ACTION ON FAMINE

Vice-President Bush of the United States is to visit Sudan, Niger and Mali next month to help direct international attention to the African drought and famine crisis.—Reuter.

GADDAFI ACCUSED ON EXILES

MOAMMAR GADDAFI, Libyan leader, offered Sudan £S6 billion (£1,820,000) if it agreed to turn over Libyan opponents living in Sudan, President Jaafar Numeiry of Sudan said in statements published yesterday.

The newspaper AL AYAM, in extracts of an interview to be published in full today, quoted Presidene Numeiry as saying Col. Gaddafi "offered more than six billion Sudanese pounds in return for handing him Libyan opponents living in self-imposed exile in Sudan."

In an indication the Libyan offer was rejected, President Numeiry was quoted as saying he reacted by tightening security protection for the Libyan exiles.

President Numeiry said in interview that Sudan was more stable than Ethiopia and Libya despite the "plotting by those two countries" and the drought that forced a million refugees into Sudan. — U P I.

GUERRILLAS KILL 15 SERVICEMEN

Separatist guerrillas killed 15 Indian Servicemen when they ambushed an Army convoy near the border with Burma, the Press Trust of India news agency said yesterday.

It quoted official sources as saying guerrillas of the outlawed National Socialist Council of Nagaland attacked the convoy on Monday in a village in the Ukhrul district of Manipur state. —Reuter.

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Zimbabwe postpones its March election

By IAN MILLS in Harare

PLANS to stage Zimbabwe's first post-independence general election in March have been abandoned in favour of a date "some time in the middle of the year."

The Minister of Justice, Dr Eddison Zvogbo, would not be drawn at a news conference on a specific date for the election and would say only that it would be held towards the middle of the year.

Western diplomatic sources say they believe the earliest date would be mid-June but acknowledge that this deadline may be passed because of the considerable procedural obstacles in the path of an election.

100 new constituencies

Voter registration ended last week, leaving the the task of drawing up boundaries for 100 new constituencies.

The total of registered voters has not yet been given, but it is expected to be just over three million.

Sources close to the delimitation Commission say it will need "several months" to complete its task, adding that a June target date is "very optimistic."

The Government and especially the Prime Minister, Mr Mugabe, wanted the general election over before the fifth anniversary of independence on April 18.

It is intended to change the election format used in the pre-independence elections in February, 1980, from the party-list system for the 80 Parliamentary seats reserved for blacks to the individual-candidate method.

This, and the re-registration of voters, means a complete realignment of constituencies for the 80 black roll seats, each with between 25,000 and 35,000 voters.

The Opposition leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo, believes an election cannot be staged until July at the earliest.

"But what sort of election will it be with all that is going on today," he asked.

Mr Nkomo said there were several things the contesting parties would have to "sort out" before the election was held, particularly the new provisions in the electoral laws the Government pushed through Parliament last month.

He instanced a decision to allow foreigners and "refugees" to register as voters, reports that people were able to obtain several voter registration slips, and the provision for people from one constituency to vote in another.

Mr Nkomo also found it "disturbing" that illiterate voters would be allowed to have someone help them cast their vote.

"Where is the secrecy of it?" he asked. "All these things seem to me to be bordering on violation of the constitution.

"All this political chicanery has to be redressed before we can talk of having an election, let alone a free and fair one."

Dr Zvogbo, however, asserted that the Government was going to "stick to the rules" in staging a free and fair poll, adding that the delay would benefit the minority parties by giving them more time to campaign.

He said the Delimitation Commission would receive the results of the voter re-registration only by the end of March, making it impossible to hold the election next month as planned.

Job seekers queue for long journey to work

By OUR PERTH CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 7,000 people lined up outside the recruitment office of Argyle Diamond Mines in Perth, Western Australia, yesterday, to seek 450 permanent jobs offered for skilled and unskilled workers at the company's mine.

Those who are selected will become long-distance commuters.

They will fly 1,370 miles from Perth to their workplace in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia—the equivalent of flying from London to Moscow to work.

The workers will continue to live in the Perth metropolitan area. They will jet to the mine site, spend two weeks working there, then have a week at home with their families.

The development programme at the mine, which already has a large output of industrial diamonds as well as gems from surface workings, is costing $A465 million.

The managing director of the company, Mr Mick O'Leary, said Argyle had carried out studies over more than three years to decide on the lifestyle.

The accommodation at the mine would be single sleeping quarters, with canteens providing high-quality food. Sporting facilities included a swimming pool, tennis and squash courts.

The service to and from the mine would be provided by Ansett W.A. in its F28 jet aircraft.

22 SENTENCED TO DEATH

A Turkish martial-law court has sentenced 22 members of a separatist group to death for seeking to overthrow the state.

The court also sentenced 25 people to life imprisonment after a mass trial of 624 accused. Turkey uses the term "separatists" for Kurds seeking autonomy.—Reuter.

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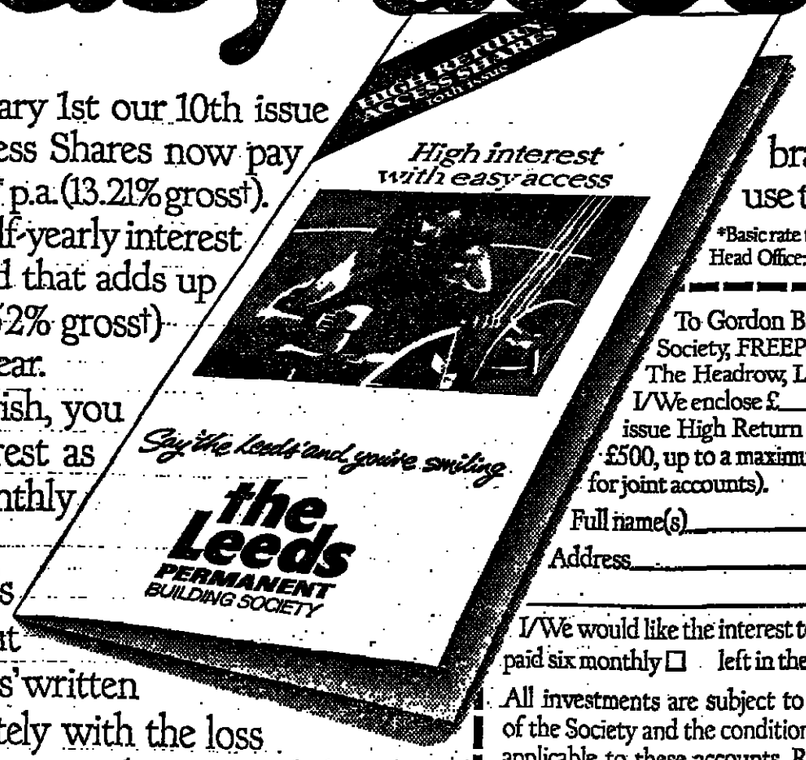

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SIDON SHUTS DOWN AS SHOOTING SPREE FOLLOWS KILLING

By JAMES MacMANUS in Beirut

ALL shops and offices in Lebanon's second city, Sidon, closed yesterday after gunmen assassinated a Shia Moslem in the main square, claiming he had been an Israeli collaborator.

In reaction, his family took to the streets with their weapons, saying the murder had been a sectarian act by the Sunni Moslem majority in the city.

The shooting spree that followed left no further casualties but as the Lebanese Army lumbered into action the city simply closed down.

Western praise

A member of the minority Christian community, many of whom formed close ties with month occupation of Sidon, commented: "It won't be long now before people begin missing the Israelis."

Still shocked by the violent Shi'ite demonstration in Sidon on Monday, the citizens cling to the hope that the fragile unity that has been forged between the religious groups in the area will spare them the anarchy that has befallen Moslem West Beirut.

Despite criticism of the Army's lackadaisical response to the arrival of the Shi'ite demonstrators, the deployment south of he 12th brigad has won general praise among Western observers in the capital.

The brigade is made up of a majority of Shi'ite battalions but also contains three strong Christian battalionsc and Sunni units, all of whom have deployed down the coast and inland to the Israeli lines without a problem.

On paper the Lebanese Army has about 40,000 men but its fighting strength is about 20,000, of whom only 10,000 in the largely Christian units could be counted on to be loyal to the Maronite-led government of President Amin Gemayel.

Angry reaction

Fears are held in government circles that the President may have overstepped himself this week by travelling to Sidon and voicing support for the largely Shi'ite resistance movement, which made the Israeli occupation untenable.

The government in Jerusalem has bridled at the sight of its former ally in Beirut embracing "terrorists." and the angry statement by Israeli ministers could point to a backlash against the Lebanese Army in the south.

Attacks on Israel 'will continue'

ISRAEL'S Defence Minister, Mr Rabin, said in Jerusalem yesterday he thought some of Lebanon's Shi'ite Moslem guerrillas would go on attacking Israel after the last Israeli soldier had left their country.

The Israeli Army announced yesterday that Lebanese guerrillas killed two senior Israeli officers on Monday and a soldier was injured in a bomb attack yesterday near Lake Qaroun in eastern Lebanon.

Addressing a convention of American conservative Jews, Mr Rabin said Israel hoped the current intensity of Shi'ite attacks on Israeli troops would fall off after Israel completed the withdrawal of its forces

"We hope, but we cannot assure ourselves, that once we are out of Lebanon the bulk of Shi'ite motivation will be reduced.

'Most fanatical'

An Israeli major and colonel responsible for training the Israeli-backed South Lebanese Army (S L A) militia were killed in separate attacks on Monday, bringing Israeli fatalities to 621 since Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June, 1982.

Mr Rabin said Israel had no clear way of dealing with Shi'ite guerrillas, whom he described as the most fanatical enemy the Jewish state had ever faced.

He also said Israel would temporarily re-enter or bomb or shell Lebanon after the withdrawal if it appeared that the Shi'ites were establishing an artillery threat to Israel's northern border settlements.—Reuter.

The Pope with Mr Shimon Peres, Israeli Prime Minister, when they met at the Vatican yesterday. After the 40-minute private audience, Mr Peres announced that he had invited the Pontiff to Israel "if he should come to the Middle East."

U.S.-Soviet talks on Middle East

By Our Vienna Correspondent

TWO-DAY exploratory talks on Middle East issues between delegations of the United States and the Soviet Union opened in Vienna yesterday.

The talks opened in the Soviet Embassy and will be concluded in the American Embassy today.

An American spokesman said the Press would not be informed on the course of the talks and that separate statements could be expected in Washington and Moscow after the Vienna meeting.

Before the conference an American spokesman said that the Israel-Arab issue, the Iran-Iraq war and the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan would be tabled by his side.

The aim was to guard against possibilities of "misinterpretations" of actions in the middle East by the two super powers. "No change of positions is expected as a result of talks," he said.

The low-key American approach to the talks, the first dealing with the region between the United States and the Soviet Union in more than seven years, is doubtlessly connected with strong Israeli concern about the Russian demand for an international Middle East conference that would seat the Soviet Union and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which Israel refuses to recognise.

Western diplomatic sources said Washington was likely to state its terms for attending formal Middle East peace negotiations with Soviet participation.

Judging from recent American statements these would include pressure on Moscow to restore diplomatic ties with Israel

The United States would probably broach Soviet arms deliveries to Libya, which Washington brands a terrorist state, and urge Moscow to exert influence on its hardline Arab ally Syria to help realise a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

America cancels another exercise with New Zealand

By OUR AUCKLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE United States has withdrawn an invitation for New Zealand, one of its Anzus partners, to take part in a military exercise in Hawaii and South Korea.

The move is regarded in New Zealand as further American retaliation for the Government's anti-nuclear stance.

Mr Lange, Prime Minister of New Zealand, said the withdrawal of the invitation for New Zealand Army officers to attend the exercise was disappointing, but not unexpected.

New Zealand's decision earlier this month to reject an American request for the nuclear-capable destroyer Buchanan to visit a New Zealand port has led to the Americans cancelling a series of exercises involving New Zealand military forces.

Of the latest moves Mr Lange said: "While I do not wish to understate the regret that we feel about the cancellations it does not strike at the heart of our operational capacity.

'Test still to come'

"The tets will be whether we have the cancellation of an exercise or exercises which are basic to our operational efficiency."

He said New Zealand could not have an integrated operational capacity by exercising only with Australia. So the test ultimately must come.

Mr Lange emphasised that the Hawaii-South Korea exercise, named Team Spirit, was a conventional warfare field affair, which was not organised through Anzus.

New Zealand defence officials said the Team Spirit exercise was an annual event jointly run by the United States and South Korea, in which New Zealand had participated on three previous occasions.

More than 100,000 Servicemen from the armies, navies, air forces and marines of Western Alliance countries are involved.

News of the withdrawal of the invitation came first yesterday from the New Zealand Opposition spokesman on defence, Mr Doug Kidd, who said the exercise was important for senior officers developing skills in handling large numbers of personnel not available to a small army such as New Zealand's in peacetime.

Mr Lange is to set off next week for Britain, Switzerland, the United States and Singapore on a mission aimed primarily at explaining his Government's nuclear policies.

SIDESTEP BY HAWKE

Breakfast invitation

OUR SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT reports: Mr Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, neatly sidestepped criticism yesterday from his Labour Parliamentary colleagues about negotiations for Australia's involvement in United States missile-testing.

Australia initially agreed to allow American aircraft to be based in Sydney to monitor MX missile splashdowns but then pulled out of the agreement.

In recent days Labour MPs have publicly criticised the original decision made without caucus consultation and its reversal during Mr Hawke's recent talks with President Reagan.

Mr Hawke invited the leaders of all factions in the Parliamentary party to breakfast yesterday "to address a situation where the Government had not been helped by events of the previous week." The result was agreement that in future differing views would be aired inside, not outside the party.

Australian dollar at its lowest against $

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Australian dollar slumped to its lowest point ever at 72·60 cents against the United States dollar yesterday.

In the past two weeks it has declined almost 10c, and of that almost three cents was lost yesterday.

The Australian dollar has now fallen 24 per cent. against the American dollar since the Hawke Government started to float it at the end of 1983.

At its lowest point yesterday it cost $1·37 to buy an American dollar, compared with $1·09 a year ago.

Strike effect

Economists attribute the accelerated decline to several reasons including a strike in the Taxation Department, where clerks have refused to handle investments running into hundreds of millions of dollars.

The result has been unexpected liquidity on the money markets, a decline in short-term interest rates and an outflow of capital.

The international credibility of the Australian Government also suffered when Mr Bob Hawke, Prime Minister, withdrew an offer to co-operate with the United States in a test of an MX missile in the Tasman Sea.

Apart from the general strength of the American dollar, economists say the discouragain balance of payments figures last month also contributed to the decline.

No one appears prepared to stand in as a buyer of the Australian dollar, and no one seems prepared to predict how much further it may decline.

The Australian Labour party took a positive step yesterday to restore confidence in the Government when the leaders of all factions agreed that in future they would keep their ideological disputes within the party ranks.

However, the Australian Democrats, who are important in the political scene because they hold the balance of power in the Senate and are vigorously opposed to nuclear energy in all its forms, remain more than willing to rock the boat.

The party suggested yesterday that the export of wool, lamb meat and yellowcake should be cut off by Australia and New Zealand to America if the United States imposed any penalties on the two countries because of New Zealand's ban on nuclear ships and Australia's refusal to take part in the MX missile test.

Senator Mason, deputy leader of the Democrats, said that, if any Bill passed the United States Congress banning Australian and New Zealand imports, he would proceed with a parallel Bill in Parliament banning Australian exports to America.

Sen. Mason said the trade balance was heavily in Australia's favour. A large part of that excess was in machinery and computer technology that could easily be switched to Japan.

When Parliament opens next week, Sen. Chipp, leader of the Democrats, plans to introduce a private member's Bill banning all nuclear armed and powered ships from Australian ports.

Gandhi says 'We will keep our promises'

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

MR RAJIV GANDHI, Indian Prime Minister, who is campaigning for his Congress party in the run up to the election for the legislative assemblies of eight states, has promised he would step down if his government failed to implement its programmes.

Mr Gandhi ran into heavy flak when he went out of his way to paint the virtues of the same party ruling the centre as well as the states. This was widely interpreted to mean that he stood for one-party rule.

Over the last two days, Mr Gandhi has spent much time and effort to undo the damage and to explain that he does not stand for a one-party system, a proposition that provoked an anti-congress swing in 1977.

He told a rally of over 100,000 people at Madiad, in Gujarat State, that his Congress Party was earnest about trying to fulfil the promises made during the elections.

He said the same thing at several election rallies last weekend when he used an Indian Air Force helicopter to reach between 15 and 20 meetings a day.

The campaign line for these elections is only slightly different from that for the national level parliamentary general election in December in which he virtually swept the polls. In the December campaign the main theme was the need to preserve the unity and integrity of India.

Commentators are viewing the elections with interest because the emotional impact of Mrs Gandhi's assassination, which sent a sentimental pro-Congress wave running through the country, is thought to have weakened.

The elections cover some of India's biggest and most populous States including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and some of the tiniest such as Sikkim and Pondicherry.

About 25,000 candidates are lined up for nearly 2,200 seats in the legislative assemblies.

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3.2 An investment certificate, bearing the date of purchase, will be issued in respect of each purchase.

HOLDING LIMITS

4.1 No person may hold either solely or jointly with any other person less than £2,000 or more than £50,000 [illegible] Bonds inherited from a deceased holder will not count towards this permitted maximum. Furthermore Bonds held by a person as trustee will not count towards the maximum which he is permitted to hold in his personal capacity, nor will Bonds held in trust count towards the permitted maximum of a beneficiary's personal holding.

4.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time upon giving notice. No such variation will prejudice any right under the proviso [illegible] by a Bondholder immediately before the variation in respect of a Bond then held by him.

INTEREST

5.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase at a rate determined by the Treasury ("the Treasury rate").

5.2 Interest will be payable on the 5th day of each month. The Director of Savings may defer payment of accrued interest otherwise due in respect of a Bond within the period of [illegible] weeks following the date of purchase until the next interest date [illegible] the end of that period.

5.3 If on repayment the Bond has by reason of paragraph 6.1, earned less interest than the [illegible] paid in respect of the Bond under paragraph 5.2 the balance will be deducted from the sum to be repaid. Any interest earned on the Bond and not [illegible] will be added to the sum to be repaid [illegible] of repayment under paragraph 6.2 it is not reasonably practicable to [illegible] after the repayment date, the amount of that interest payment will be deducted from the sum to be repaid.

5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving [illegible] notice.

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable upon giving notice, and in so doing may specify [illegible] which any variation will apply. No variation will apply to a Bond issued before the variation unless the Bondholder agrees to such application.

5.6 Interest on a Bond registered in the sole name of a minor under seven years [illegible] will normally be paid into a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of Income Tax but it is subject to income tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may obtain repayment of a Bond at par before redemption upon giving 3 calendar months' notice. The Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date where repayment falls on or after the first anniversary of purchase. Where the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of purchase the Bond will earn interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date.

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made after the death of the sole or sole surviving registered holder no fixed period of notice is required and the Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment occurs before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accompanied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 [illegible] from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond; the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

7 Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post.

MINORS

8 A Bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, will not be repayable, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

TRANSFER

9 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond will only be allowed in an amount of £1,000 or multiple of that sum and will not be allowed if the holding of the transferor or transferee would thereby be outside the holding limits imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent in the case of, for example, [illegible] of Bonds on the death of a holder but not to any proposed transfer which is by way of sale or for any consideration.

NOTICE

10 [illegible] will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 11 of the [illegible] in any other manner [illegible] in the Gazettes it will as soon as [illegible]

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11 [illegible] initial period of 10 years from the first interest date after the date of purchase. Thereafter interest will continue to be payable under the terms [illegible] redemption of the Bond. The Bond will be redeemed [illegible] guaranteed initial period or on any interest date thereafter [illegible] six months' notice by the Treasury. The Director of Savings [illegible] before redemption, at the last recorded address [illegible] informing him of the date of the redemption notified by the Treasury.

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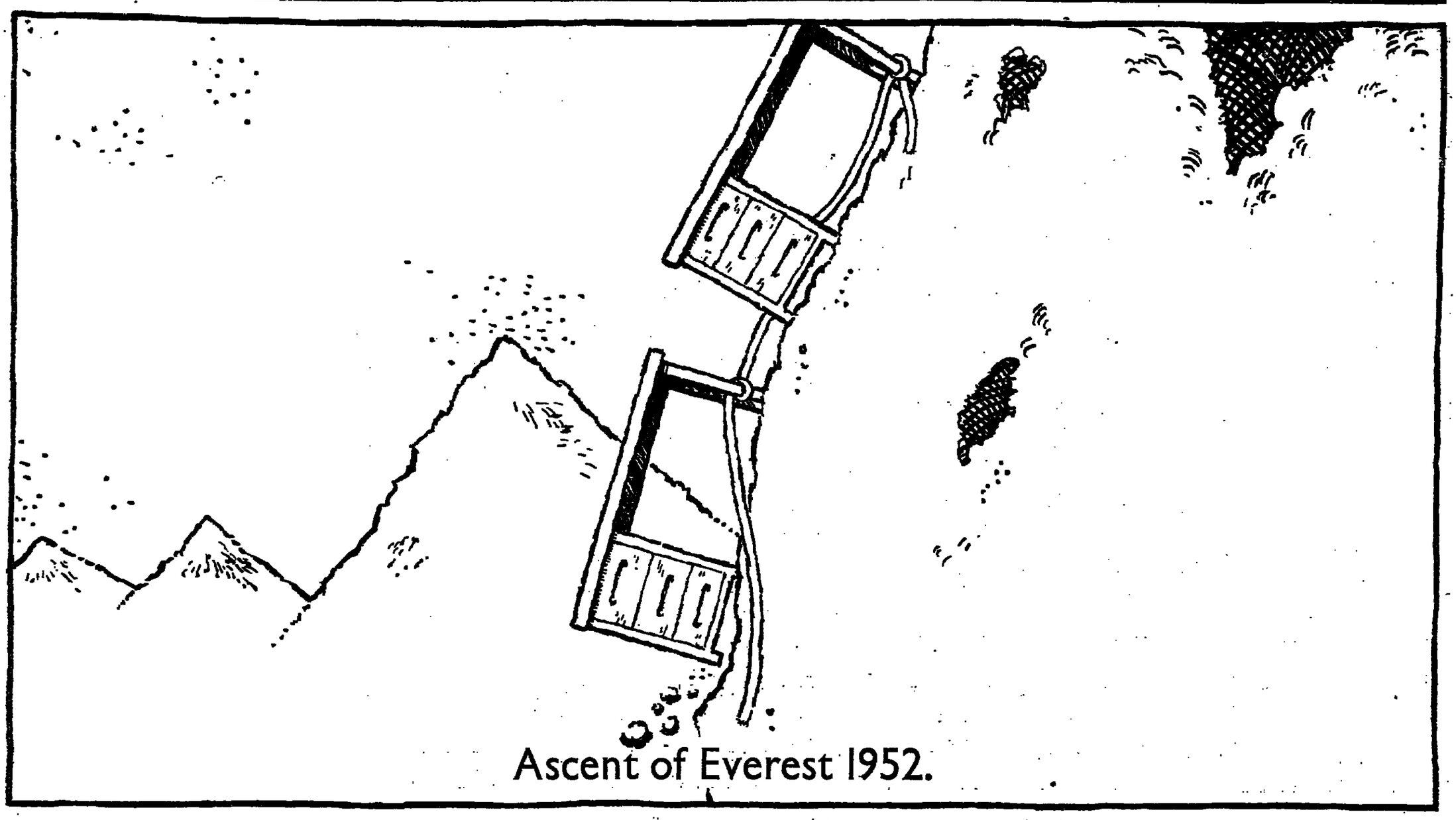

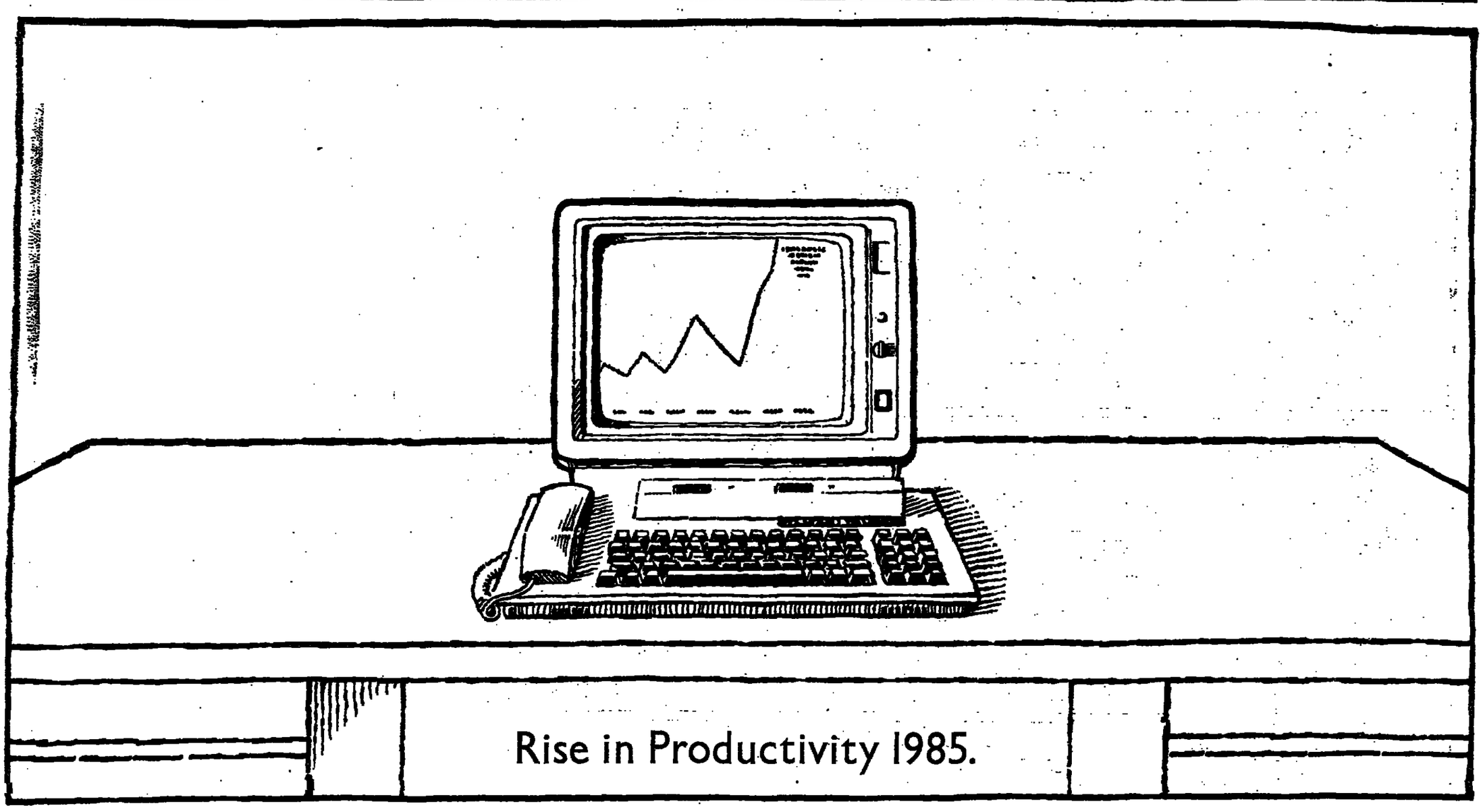

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NAVY SEEKS 400 VOLUNTEERS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE Ministry of Defence has written to some 1,600 mostly senior naval ratings calling for volunteers for early retirement.

It is hoped to achieve a cut of at least 400 by the end of March next year as part of the Government's continuing reduction of a fifth, or 10,000, in the Navy's manpower by 1991.

Voluntary redundancies are being sought principally from branches where it would be difficult to re-train a person in another specialisation.

Probably a majority will involve shore jobs such as air engineering mechanics, aircraft handlers, caterers, officers' stewards, photographers, meteorological assistants, physical training instructors and caterers and stores accountants.

The Navy now has more ships at sea than it did before the Falklands conflict and greater emphasis is being placed on recruiting for the seagoing branches. By reducing numbers in some areas it is possible to offer more jobs at sea.

Surprising feature

One surprising feature of the scheme is that it includes the marine engineering mechanic branch which specialises in propulsion systems and in which there has been no marked surplus in seagoing ships.

Volunteers will receive compensation based on the pay he or she would have received had retirement been taken on completion of the normal 22 years' service from time of joining or the age of 18.

A rating quitting after 21 years' service would get three months' pay, a quarter of what he would have earned in the following years, while one with five years left to serve will get 18 months' pay; three years' pay being the maximum permitted capital payment.

Pension entitlements will be reduced by whatever time a rating would still have had to serve to complete 22 years' service. It is emphasised that there is no element of compulsion in the scheme.

BRITAIN'S FARM SHOW IN RUSSIA

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

An all-ritish agricultural and food-processing exhibition was opened in Moscow yesterday by Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture.

Mrs Fenner said she hoped Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Kremlin No. 2, who visited Britain in December, would at some stage inspect the exhibition. He has had responsibility for Soviet agriculture.

Enterprise agencies win praise

• By Our Business Correspondent

MORE people are turning to enterprise agencies, rapidly springing up in many parts of the country, for help in starting their own businesses and for advice when in trouble, says a report published today.

The agencies are highly rated by budding businessmen and others for the contribution they make to encouraging firms to get off the ground.

Over 200 agencies, partnerships of companies, local authorities, unions and other bodies have been set up with Government encouragement to help small firms and aid job creation.

The report into how the agencies are performing was carried out by the Centre for Employment Intiatives and published jointly with Business in the Community, the co-ordinating body for the enterprise groups.

370 interviews

It is based on 379 "in depth" interviews and an analysis of the work of 12 agencies including Glenrothes in Scotland, Cardiff, Bridgewater in Somerset and Hackney, East London.

The survey shows that 11 per cent. of people starting their own business and nine per cent. already operating felt they would not have set up or would have "gone bust" without the help provided by the agencies.

Another 53 per cent. of start-ups and 34 per cent. of existing firms felt it would have been more difficult to get off the ground

Impact of Local Enterprise Agencies, from Centre for Employment Initiatives, 140a Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge Circus London WC2.

Smiles and flowers from the crowds yesterday during the Princess of Wales's visit to Derby—where she was the subject of at least one girl's snapshot.

Moleswoth road plan

A PLAN to spend £1,500,000 building a road into Molesworth cruise missile base to prevent disruption by anti-nuclear campaigners is under consideration.

The American missiles will be flown into Alconbury air base six miles away and taken along the A604 and the B660 to Molesworth.

Defence chiefs are known to be concerned that CND could block the minor road.

The proposal for a mile-long road to cut directly from the A604 to Molesworth is one of two options put forward to take traffic away from the village of Brington on the B660.

The alternative is to build a by pass. A third option to improve the road through the village has been dropped.

The news was revealed yesterday by the Tory MP for Huntingdon Mr John Major, who said the Government would pay its full share of the costs.

Discussions between the Ministry of Defence and Cambridge county council began yesterday, and proposals for the roads will soon be published.

The freezing weather has taken its toll of Ministry of Defence policemen patrolling Molesworth's newly-erected seven mile perimeter fence. Several have gone into the R A F hospital at Ely suffering from pneumonia, bronchitis and exposure.

An M o D spokesman confirmed yesterday that protestors cut a small hole in the fence early on Monday.

CND CHIEF IN TAX CASE

Monsignor Bruce Kent, 55, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, appeared at a private hearing at Clerkenwell County Court, Islington, yesterday, over non payment of tax. He has been issued with a summons for £51 tax and £6 costs.

Mgr Kent is withholding 15 per cent. of his tax bill, which he claims is the proportion spent on Britain's nuclear defences. The case was adjourned.

M-WAY FOG CHECK

All motorways are being examined to identify stretches prone to fog, the Transport Department said yesterday. The action follows last month's multiple crash in fog on the M25 in Surrey.

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DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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MARTIN. — On Feb. 16, peacefully in St Augustine's Nursing Home, NORMAN, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, late of the Crown and Thistle and Beech Cottage, Northiam. Dearly loved and respected by his nieces and many friends. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Northiam, 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25. No flowers, by request. Donations if desired for the Royal Masonic Hospital, c/o National - Westminster Bank, Northiam, E. Sussex.

MAXWELL. — On Feb. 17, suddenly, MARY EDITH (Meredith) beloved sister of Hope and Grace. Much loved by all her nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and nieces. Cremation at South London Crematorium on Feb. 26 at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to the Leprosy Mission, through the Trinity United Reformed Church, Streatham (Miss S. Macgregor, 5, Dorset Gardens, Mitcham, Surrey).

MILLINGTON.—On Feb. 18, at home, Cmdr RICHARD CLARE ST VALENTINE MILLINGTON, R.N., aged 83, husband of Monica, father of Pam and Nina. Funeral Monday, Feb. 25, Hawkchurch, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

MORLEY. — On Feb. 18, 1985, ROSE ELIZABETH, beloved wife of the late Robert, a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, Feb. 26, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Matron, The Close, Bridge, Canterbury.

MULVANEY. — On Feb. 14, 1985, suddenly at home in Dharan, Nepal, D. M. (Des) MULVANEY, beloved husband of Bertha. Funeral in N. Ireland. Arrangements by Fitzsimmons, 72, Scotch Street, Downpatrick, tel Downpatrick 2563. Flowers.

NEWLAND. — On Feb. 14, suddenly at home, KEN, beloved husband of Sadie, wonderful father to Terry and Chris, and dearly loved grandfather to Paul, Emma, Steven, Alex and Patrick. A sad loss for his brother, sisters and many friends in the paper trade. Funeral Monday, Feb. 25, at Honor Oak Crematorium at 1 p.m. Kellaway Funeral Service, 104, Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, SE22 8HF. Family flowers only. Donations to Doctor Barnardos.

NEWTON. — On Feb. [illegible], suddenly at Pepperarden, near Richmond, North Yorks, CHARLES McDONALD, aged 72, dearly loved brother of Peggy, Eric, Alan [illegible] Elsie.

NORTH. — On Feb. 19, peacefully in hospital, ALFRED GEORGE, aged 82, of Friern Barnet, late of the Stock Exchange. Funeral Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 2.50 p.m. at Golders Green Crematorium. All inquiries to E. Barridge & Co., [illegible].

O'BRIEN. — On Feb. 17, in hospital, PATRICIA O'BRIEN, of 28, Creek View Road, South Woodham Ferrers, aged 49 years. Service at Chelmsford Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 12 noon. Flowers to M. Locking & Sons, [illegible] London Road, Chelmsford.

OGILVIE.—On Feb. 17, 1985, at Leatherhead Cottage Hospital, JANET ANDERSON, formerly of Epsom, Surrey.

OSWALD. — On Feb. 16, 1985, MICHAEL LOUIS TREVOR, beloved husband, and father of Marlene and Denise, of 52, Westfield Avenue, Sanderstead, CR2 9JU. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Family at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25. Inquiries to W. A. Truelove & Son, 55, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, tel. 01-660 2620.

OWEN.—On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully at 4, Hinner Barn Close, Cann Common, Shaftesbury, Dorset, KATHLEEN MARGARET, aged 93 years. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Droitwich, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Flowers, or if desired donations for the Earl Haig Poppy Fund, c/o Merefield & Henstridge, FD, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury, tel. 3532 or 4251.

PAGE. — On Feb. 9, peacefully, at home at Great Bardfield, WILLIAM W. (Bill), Sqn Ldr, R.A.F. (retd.), beloved husband, father and grandfather.

PARRY.—On Feb. 17, peacefully, Dr the Rev. ROBERT CHARLES, aged 95. "With Christ, far better." Funeral at All Saints', Lindfield, 12 noon, Monday, Feb. 25. Family flowers only. Donations to Leprosy Mission and Ruanda Mission.

PEACOCK. — On Feb. 18, 1985, in hospital, HENRY ALLEN, aged 86 years, of The Croft, Worlaby, the dearly loved husband of Dorothy Georgina and a very dear father of Michael, Georgina and Veronica. Funeral service at St Clement's Church, Worlaby, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m., followed by private interment in Brigg Cemetery. Family flowers only, please, but donations if so desired, may be sent for the N.S.P.C.C., c/o Mrs. Millership, 34, Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe, South Humberside. All inquiries to Kettle, of Brigg Elwes Street, tel. 0652 52116.

PELLING.—On Feb. 18, 1985, KENNETH MITCHELL, dearly loved husband of Ruth, Pa to Janice and Averil and grandpa (poppa) of Mark, formerly of Nigeria. A man of great strength and courage, he will be sadly missed by us all. Cremation Monday, Feb. 25, at 2.30 p.m., Putney Vale Crematorium, London, S.W.15. Flowers to Ballards, 306, Brompton Road, S.W.6.

PEPPER. — On Feb. 18, peacefully in his sleep whilst on holiday with his brother, H. W. TREVOR PEPPER, I.M.N., O.B.E., beloved husband of Rosemary, father of Terence and Jenny Parry, dearly loved grandfather of Asta and Dale, formerly living in Malta, recently of Farnham, Surrey. Cremation will take place in South Africa. Memorial service to be held in Farnham. Donations if desired to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 38, Hazelwood Road, Northampton.

POOK.—On Feb. 17, 1985, at the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, JOHN RICHARD, of Greatstone-on-Sea and formerly of Shirley and Beckenham, the much loved husband of Pearl and father of Diana. Funeral Friday, Feb. 22. Service Hastings Crematorium, 2 p.m. Family flowers only, by request, but if desired donations to the Cancer Relief Fund may be sent to Hinckley Funeral Service, 50, Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, tel. 431461.

PRICE.—On Feb. 17, peacefully and suddenly at Barton Lodge Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, JOAN MARY GERTRUDE, of Stonor Road, West Kensington, London, dearly loved sister of Frank and Jim. Will be sadly missed by all the members of the family and her many friends. Cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull. No flowers, but donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 286, Munster Road, Fulham, London SW6 6BE.

PROCTER.—On Feb. 16, suddenly at home, Wing Commander FREDERICK DONALD PROCTER, B.Sc., R.A.F. (Retd.), much loved husband and friend of Elizabeth, dearest father of William and Jennifer. Funeral service Navarn Church, York, Friday, Feb. 22, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation at York Crematorium. No flowers. Donations in lieu if desired to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

PROUSE.—On Feb. 16, 1985, peacefully at Pulsford Lodge, Wiveliscombe, in her 100th year, FLOSSIE MIRIAM, formerly of Leatherhead and Westcott, dearly loved mother of Mary Peters. Funeral service to take place at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Friday, Feb. 22, at 9.30 a.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired for Dr Barnardo's are being received by Glenhaven Funeral Service, 7a, High Street, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

QUADLING.—On Feb. 18, at Worthing, ARTHUR JAMES QUADLING, father of Stella and Douglas. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, 11 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 25. Family flowers only. Donations in remembrance to Toc-H, 9, The Heights, Worthing.

REDFERN.—On Feb. 18, peacefully at home in his 93rd year, Sir [illegible] SHELDRAM REDFERN, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., beloved father of [illegible] and grandfather of Camilla and James. Private cremation on Friday, Feb. 22. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49, Marloes Road, London, W.8.

REDPATH. — On Feb. 18, in hospital, PHYLLIS MARY, dearest mother of Moyra Connolly and Kate Dexter. Funeral service St Barnabas Church, Southampton, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 1.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to St Barnabas Church, c/o the Vicar.

RODDA.—On Feb. 19, 1985, EDWIN JOHN, in his 89th year, beloved husband of [illegible] and father of Diana, Joan and Philip, who express their thanks for the care given to him in his final months by those at Haldane House and [illegible] Hospital.

ROLLINSON.—On Feb. 14, at Bromley Hospital, following extended illness, ELLALINE (Ella) (née Barnard), beloved wife of Boyd and cherished sister of Violet and Phyllis. Funeral service on Thursday, Feb. 21, at St George's Church, Beckenham, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please.

ROWDEN.—On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully at home, ELLIE CECILIA, aged 87, dearly loved mother of John and Betty. She will be sadly missed by all the family. Cremation on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 11.30 a.m. at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden. Family flowers only.

RUANE.—On Feb. 15, EDITH HARRIET, aged 94. Cremation at Upminster Crematorium, Corbets Tey, Essex, Friday, Feb. 22, at 3.15 p.m.

RUMBLE.—On Feb. 15, 1985, peacefully at home, GERALD W. VOSPER RUMBLE, O.B.E., beloved husband of Cecily Elizabeth, resident in Ecuador, 1955-1960. Survived by his wife and loving daughter Berenice and son-in-law Richard, son Greville, daughter-in-law Anne and grandchildren Caroline, Christopher, Gavin and Stephen. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, Broadwater, Godalming, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

RUSTEMEYER. — On Feb. 15, at Heidelberg, after a short illness, MARGARET ANN (née Ryder), beloved daughter of Don and Betty, dear wife of Peter and mother of Simon and Martin. Funeral service in Heidelberg on February 22. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Mrs S. Palmer, Court Cottage, Ferney Green, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria.

RUTT.—On Feb. 16, GEOFFREY LOMAX, beloved husband of Moreen and father of Michael and David, former Head of [illegible] School, High Wycombe. Funeral service 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to League of Friends, Wycombe General Hospital.

SCHIMMER.—On Feb. 18, at Ladymead Nursing Home, ALICE, beloved wife of Robert. Private cremation on Monday, Feb. 25.

SEATREETON.—On Feb. 15, ARTHUR ELLIOT JOCELYN, late Yeoman Warder, H.M. Tower of London, and beloved father of Elliot and Jocelyn. Private cremation at Golders Green, Feb. 22. Flowers by arrangement, or donations to Coldstream Guards Benevolent Fund. Memorial service 6.30 p.m., Feb. 22, Guards' Chapel, Chelsea Barracks. All friends welcome.

SIMMONDS.—On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully at his home, 187, Stamford Road, Kettering, Northants, RONALD HENRY, aged 58 years, beloved husband of Janet, much loved father of Mark, Clare and Martin. Funeral on Friday, Feb 22. Service at the Albert Mem Chapel, Kettering Crematorium, at 3.30 p.m. Floral tributes will be received at the Funeral Home of J. B. Norris Funeral Service, Edinburgh Road, Kettering, Northants.

SMITH.—On Feb. 15, 1985, at Heathcliff Rest Home, Hemyock, Cullompton, ALICE, aged 89 years, daughter of John Orrewing and widow of GERALD ROBERT SMITH. Funeral service at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Friday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. No flowers, by request. Donations if desired to the Association for the Blind, c/o Hatchers, of Taunton, tel. 72277.

SOMERVILLE.—On Feb. 12, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ELSIE MARY, widow of HARRY BENSON SOMERVILLE, C.B.E., O.B.E. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Ringwood Road, Ferndown, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. Inquiries and flowers to Miller Brothers and F. P. Butler Ltd, F.D., 118, Bargates, Christchurch, tel. 483439.

STEEN.—On Feb. 15, 1985, at Weymouth, ROBIN, widow of DENIS ROSS STEEN, F.R.C.S. Funeral service at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday, March 1, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only.

STEVENS.—On Feb. 17, after short illness, CHARLES S. STEVENS (S.N.E.T.), late O.R.Q.M.S., Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Funeral at Hanworth, Middlesex Crematorium, Feb. 25, at 2.30 p.m.

SUDBURY.—On Feb. 18, G. PERCY formerly of Ealing, Nomansland and Histon. Service at Ruislip Crematorium Friday, Feb. 22, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Denefield Red Cross Home, Northwood, Middlesex.

SUMNER.—On Feb. 15, peacefully at home, CHRISTINE, widow of Francis. Cremation at Exeter on Feb. 21 at 11.45 a.m. If desired donations in lieu of flowers to the Ethiopian Famine Fund or the R.S.P.B., c/o A. G. Down Ltd., 66, South Street, Bridport, Dorset.

VICK.—On Feb. 18, 1985, at Hayward House, City Hospital, Nottingham, PAULINE A. I. VICK, O.B.E., D.N. Funeral service at Farnsfield Parish Church, Notts, 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 25, followed by cremation at Mansfield Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to Hayward House Amenities Fund or Motor Neurone Disease Assocn, c/o Bagguley Bros. F.D., 500, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

WALSH.—On Feb. 18, at Dumfries, DUDLEY JOHN CHARLES WALSH, O.B.E., beloved father and grandfather. Cremation at Ayr on Feb. 22, at 12 noon. Donations to Crichton Hospital, Dumfries.

WARD.—On Feb. 17, peacefully, after three years of declining health, WINIFRED, of Forge House, Wouldham, formerly of Gravesend, aged 77 years. Sadly missed mother of Penny and mum-in-law to Mark and grannie to six. We remember a great character, and will have a thanksgiving funeral service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Milton, Gravesend, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 10.45 a.m. Flowers welcome, or donations to British Red Cross Society, Rochester.

WATTS. — On Feb. 19, peacefully at his home, DAVID, much loved husband of Molly, father of Carole and Michael. Cremation private. Family flowers only. No letters, please.

WHITE.—On Feb. 15, at Feltham, Middx, CHARLES WILLIAM (Chalky) WHITE, in his 84th year, late R.A.S.C., 241 Coy., 51st H.D., and Taylor Woodrows (Greenhams Division), a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service to be held at West London Crematorium, Hanworth, Middx, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 12.15 p.m. Inquiries Lodge Bros, Clarendon Road, Ashford 52326.

WILKINSON.—On Feb. 16, 1985, suddenly and unexpectedly, MICHAEL RICHARD, loved husband of Patricia, father of Edward. Funeral at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Yattendon, Berkshire, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22. No flowers. Donations if desired may be sent to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ.

WILLSON. — On Feb. 18, peacefully in Benenden Chest Hospital, CISSIE, of Sutton Valence, widow of REGINALD WILLSON, Burton-on-Trent. Cremation private, 11.30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26. Family flowers only.

WITHERS. — On Feb. 19, suddenly, RHODA VIOLET, widow of RAYMOND CLIFFORD WITHERS, beloved mother of Angela and Jeremy, devoted grandmother of Stephen, Christopher and Anthony and dearly loved mother-in-law of Jim and Cosima. Funeral service at St James's Church, Weybridge, on Friday, Feb. 22, 3.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

WOOD.—On Feb. 17, 1985, peacefully, at the Brompton Hospital, aged 81 years, MARY EMMELINE WOOD, F.L.S., of 28, Ashley Court, Morpeth Terrace, S.W.1, only child of the late Mary Emmeline and William Courtenay Wood. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, N.W.11. If desired flowers should be sent to the crematorium.

WOODS.—On Feb. 17, at home, WILLIAM CHARLES, aged 80, dear father of Josie, grandfather of Wendy and David and most kind father-in-law to Rick.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

PARSONS.—The Family of the late BERTHA BEATRICE, wish to express their sincere thanks to all friends for sympathy letters, floral tributes and donations to the R.N.L.I. received in their recent sad bereavement.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GOODLACE. — The Requiem Mass and Funeral of the late ALBERT will take place from Sacred Heart Catholic Church Between Streets, Cobham, on Thursday, Feb. 21, 1985, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LYONS. — A Memorial Service for the late Sir WILLIAM LYONS, Founder and Honorary President of Jaguar Cars will be held at Coventry Cathedral on Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

PEYTON-JONES. — A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of JEREMY PEYTON-JONES will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W.1.

STEWART.—A meeting to commemorate the life and work of MARY STEWART, Baroness Stewart of Alvechurch, will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Council Chamber, Fulham Town Hall, Fulham Road, S.W.6. The Town Hall is opposite Fulham Broadway District Line Underground Station. Buses Nos. 11 and 14 pass the door.

IN MEMORIAM

ARNOLD.—In loving memory of my dear daughter CLARE, aged 21, who died Feb. 20, 1974.—Susan Alves and her three Brothers and her Sister.

BOLTON, SHIRLEY.—In constant memory.—Mother and Father.

CREDITOR, HERTZEL. — Dearly loved, sadly missed.—Mary.

CREDITOR.—In fondest memory of our dear friend and mentor, Dr HERTZEL CREDITOR. From all at Harley Dean.

KNAPP (née Greer Walker). — February, 1972. "Cio." the passage of time in no way diminishes the love and affection of a dear Daughter and sister.

LOCKINGTON, MARJORIE PHYLLIS.—In loving memory of a darling Mother who left us a year ago today. We miss you greatly.—Garry and Paddy.

POTTER.—A donation has been made to the Woodland Trust, remembering with love KATE SPENCER POTTER.

RODHOUSE, RODDY H. E., died Feb. 20, 1980.—Loving memory silently kept of a husband I'll never forget.—Loving wife Alice. R.I.P. Win, Sean and Ashley.

ROPER, DOROTHY. — Remembering with love my favourite DOLL.

NEWSPAPER BAN IN 'MILLIONAIRE' COMPETITION

Express Newspapers were granted a High Court injunction yesterday banning provincial newspaper publishers from printing the winning sequences from its "Millionaire of the Month" game in their papers.

The injunction, granted by Mr Justice Whitford, takes effect from today against the Liverpool DAILY POST & ECHO, Walsall EVENING MAIL, Newcastle CHRONICLE AND JOURNAL, and Westminster Press.

The judge was told that three other newspapers, the WESTERN EVENING HERALD at Plymouth, the Leicester MERCURY and the Coventry EVENING TELEGRAPH had agreed to abide by yesterday's decision.

WIFE OF ENVOY WINS BAN ORDER

The 39-year-old wife of a diplomat at the Indian High Commission in London was granted an order in the London Divorce Court yesterday banning her husband from "molesting assaulting or otherwise interfering" with her.

Mrs Meghan Venkatraman, an architect, is staying at a secret address in London pending her return to India. Her husband, Muthu, 41, a financial adviser at the High Commission, was not present or represented in court.

LADY COKE'S DECREE

We are asked to make it clear that in the divorce action of Viscount and Viscountess Coke reported from Norwich yesterday, the divorce was granted to Lady Coke.

Lord Coke had sought a decree on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour by his wife, Valerie, which she denied. In an amended answer she pleaded her husband's adultry, which he did not deny.

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POLICE 'LOST RACE FOR LOOT IN SPAIN'

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

A RACE between police and alleged confederates of robbers to get part of a £6 million haul hidden in Spain was described to an Old Bailey jury yesterday.

The alleged confederates won the race. When police reached the deposit box where the money had been hidden they found the cupboard bare, said Mr MICHAEL WORSLEY, prosecuting.

JOHN KNIGHT, 48, garage owner, the brother of RONALD KNIGHT, former husband of the actress, BARBARA WINDSOR, had at least £54,000 in the safety deposit box near Marbella, it was alleged.

Following the Easter Monday robbery at the Shoreditch headquarters of SECURITY EXPRESS, John Knight was said to have spent lavishly on holidays and cars and opening bank accounts totalling £250,000.

Part of the proceeds of the robbery — £2 million — was stored in old suitcases ready for laundering," Mr Worsley said.

'Musty' money

The "musty-smelling money" was delivered to a house in Enfield to be counted by a a garage owner, ALAN OPIOLA.

He was shocked by the sheer size of the cash, which was put into an "immense pile" four feet high and three feet across, said Mr Worsley.

Opiola, of Enfield, now serving a sentence for handling stolen cash, went out and bought four more suitcases from Woolworths and stored them in his laundry room.

He carried on counting the cash with the help of his wife and was paid £25,000 by Knight who "asked his help to launder the money by changing it with other banknotes," Mr Worsley alleged.

Five men and one woman deny a total of 14 charges arising from the robbery at Security Express.

One man, JOHN HORSLEY, 43, mechanic, of Winters Way, Waltham Abbey, has admitted robbery, but three others, John Knight, of Wheathampstead, Herts; TERENCE PERKINS, 36, property developer, of Oak Avenue, Enfield; and JOHN HICKSON, 41, market trader, of Peabody Buildings, Chequer Street, Holborn, all deny robbery and also disposing and receiving stolen cash.

ROBERT YOUNG, 47, chartered accountant, of Little Heath, Potters Bar, Herts, denies disposing of and receiving stolen cash.

Perkins's wife, JACQUELINE, 35, denies three charges of receiving and also disposing of stolen cash.

JAMES KNIGHT, 57, restaurateur, of The Limes, Stanmore, Middx has denied a single charge of receiving.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool and Scotland footballer with his children Paul, eight, and Kelly, nine, after receiving the insignia of the M B E at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Dalglish, who has won 97 caps for his country, said that the Queen wished him luck in today's F A Cup replay between Liverpool and York City.

Legal advice on probation reports row

By Our Legal Correspondent

JUDGES and magistrates have no legal power to order a probation officer to prepare a social inquiry report on a defendant who is pleading not guilty, the National Association of Probation Officers has told its 6,000 members.

This follows a legal opinion obtained by the association from Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who said that in his view a court had no power to give a probation officer directions to make inquiries before there was a finding of guilty and the court had taken on its sentencing rôle.

His opinion was obtained after a long-standing conflict between the association and several judges who have criticised probation officers and threatened them with contempt of court proceedings for their refusal to prepare in advance social inquiry reports on defendants pleading not guilty.

Give guidance

Mr Harry Fletcher, the association's assistant general secretary, said they would now be asking the Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's Department to give guidance to judges and magistrates in line with Mr Blom-Cooper's opinion.

The association has consistently argued that it is impossible to prepare reports when a defendent denies the charges because the prime purpose of a social inquiry report is to assist the sentencer in reaching a decision and the report deals with the offender's criminal involvement and attitude to the offence.

Anonymity sought by JPs after violence threats

By GUY RAIS

INCREASING threats of violence by militant organisations, including the self-styled Animal Liberation Front, has led to a growing number of magistrates asking for anonymity when trying cases.

The latest request was at Bromley, Kent, when three magistrates requested that their names should not be revealed because of the activities of animal rights activists in the area.

The Magistrates' Association has raised the question of anonymity with the Lord Chancellor's Department on several occasions.

Mr Geoffrey Norman, secretary of the association, said yesterday: "As a member of the Home Office working party on magistrates courts, I drew attention to the fact that courts were being placed under increasing pressure to publish names of J Ps who adjudicated in particular cases.

"Although this does not present problems in rural areas, where magistrates are well known it could lead tothreats being made against J Ps in other areas.

"At the meeting an official of the Lord Chancellor's department explained that normally there would be no objection to a reporter naming a magistrate, but it should not be disclosed to a defendant.

"It was felt there was no general right for a defendant to know the names or addresses of magistrates, and that if a person required a magistrate's signature, it should only be given at the offices of the justices clerk."

Mr Norman said Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, expressed the view that the names of magistrates should not be given to a defendant merely out of curiosity, and that it should only be given in cases where an appeal was being lodged, and then only through the solicitors involved.

Unpleasant letter

Mr Derek Howard, the association's deputy secretary, and himself a magistrate for 20 years, recalled a threat he received after a decision he had taken in court.

"It only happened once and took the form of an anonymous, unpleasant letter. It did not upset me in the least, but if I had a nervous wife or elderly mother living in my home, it might have caused them some concern.

Fight to save school in murder village

By COLIN RANDALL

HORTON, the Cotswold village where Graham Backhouse tried to murder his wife and shot dead a neighbour, suffered a blow of another kind yesterday when county councillors decided to close its church primary school next year.

Parents produced seven hours of video film as part of their campaign to save the 155-year-old school, which has two teachers for 29 children.

Despite yesterday's decision by the Labour-controlled Avon Education Authority, during a debate on closure and amalgamation plans affecting a number of schools, the fight will go on with representations to the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph.

Avon's Tory opposition has pledged to keep open the school if returned to power, as expected, in May.

Ironically, the last piece of craftsmanship completed by Backhouse's murder victim, Mr Colyn Badale-Taylor, a skilled carpenter, was a wooden sign which he erected at the school on the day of his death.

Mr Jim Wilkie, an agricultural engineer and inventor, who is involved in the action group campaigning against closure, said yesterday:

"The way in which past, present and prospective parents have generally banded together to try to save the school shows that normal life is going on in Horton despite all that has happened."

Mr Wilkie, whose two children are former pupils of the village school, took most of the video film which has been shown to several Avon councillors.

It depicts everyday life in the voluntary-aided school and gives detailed analysis of the parents' case that closure would leave Avon with the heavy cost of ferrying children to other schools.

Only a few years ago, villagers raised £10,000 and supplied £5,000-worth of labour to build a new classroom and other facilities, opened in 1981.

"We are proud of the school. It is extremely happy and its success is obvious to anyone who enters the building," said Mr Wilkie.

Avon officials estimate that savings on staff and premises would amount to £17,400 a year if the school closed, offset by extra transport costs of up to £9,000.

But parents claim the true cost of providing mini-buses for children would be closer to £17,000.

Mr George Crump, Avon's director of education, says despite "distinct advantages" for young children attending their village schools, pupils could suffer "lack of stimulation," while larger schools offered the chance of a broader curriculum and more teachers.

'Bronte country' halt is best-kept station

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

SPARE-TIME work over 14 years by a handful of enthusiasts has won Damems Station this year's trophy in the "best kept station competition" of the Association of Railway Preservation Societies.

The tiny halt, big enough to take only two-coach trains, is on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in the "Bronte country" of Yorkshire.

Victorian gas lamps, a wooden waiting room and ticket office and a signal box were all obtained elsewhere and rebuilt at Damems.

The award, sponsored by Ian Allen, will be presented by Mr Bob Reid, chairman of British Rail, in London today week.

Runners-up are Alresford, on the Watercress Line in Hampshire, and Blackheath, on Southern Region.

Glass canopy

But there is a touch of heartbreak for the local preservation society in Blackheath, whose work on restoring the station front and the old stationmaster's house, won the prize. A garden created in a siding has twice been ruined by railway gangs who misunderstood their instructions.

And the station itself currently looks like a battleground. Plans to restore the glass canopy were shelved when B R instead pursued an abortive plan to put a supermarket over the track. Now the rain pours in and B R has mistakenly destroyed an archway which it will have to replace by order of the local council.

Plaques will also go to Scottish Region for restoration of Montrose Station, to Eastern Region for work on Saltaire Station, and to Sainsbury's for "magnificent restoration of the old station at Bath Green Park in connection with a new supermarket scheme." Ironically, there have been fears in Yorkshire that the Transport Department may ruin the rebuilt Saltaire Station to make way for a road.

Stations highly commended and getting certificates are:

Private sector: Cheddleton (North Staffordshire Railway), Buckfastleigh (Dart Valley), Ravenglass (Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway), Oxenhope (Keighley and Worth Valley) and two stations on the Severn Valley Railway, Highley and Arley.

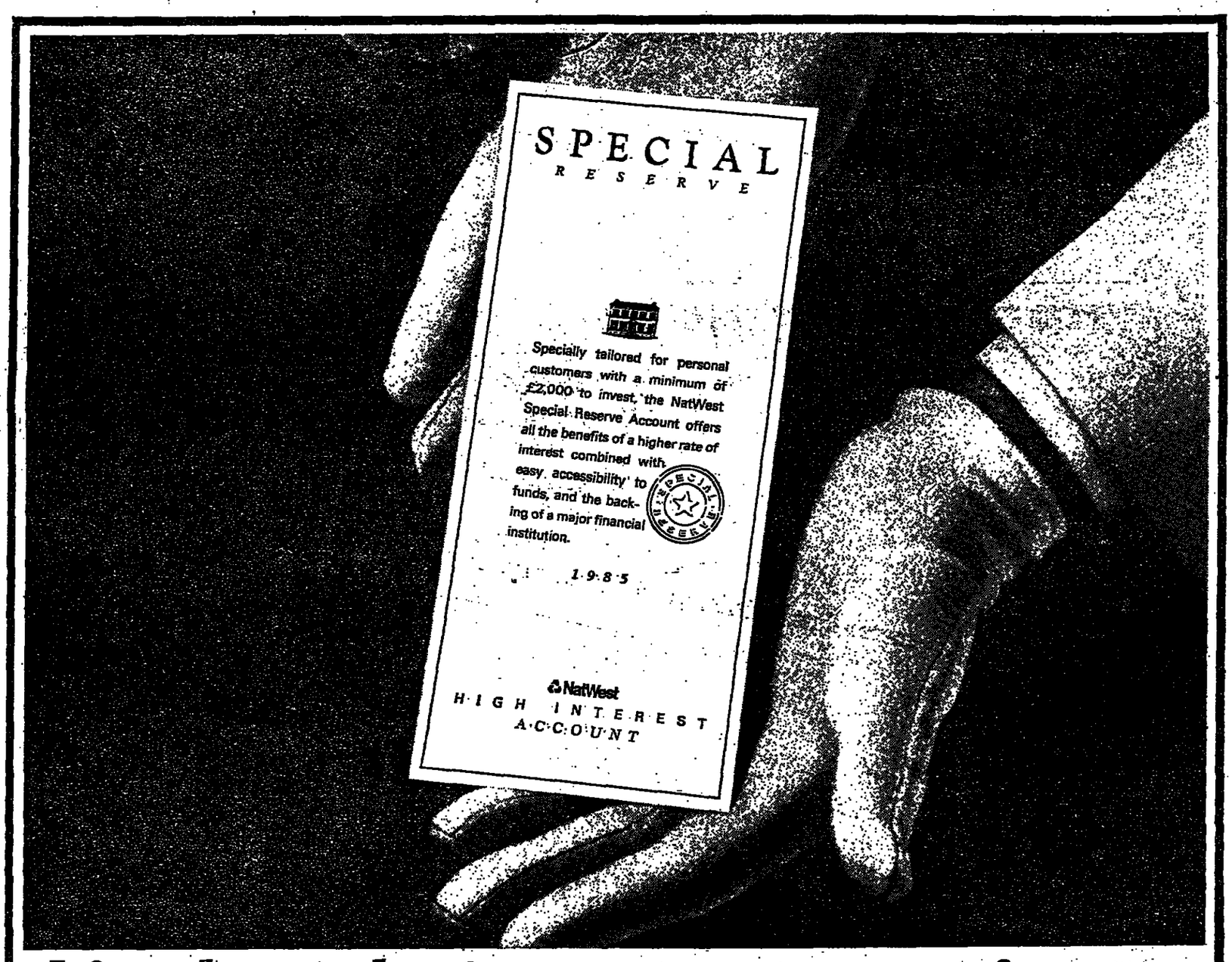
Public Sector: Baker Street (London Transport), Waterloo Concourse, Horsham, Orpington (all on Southern Region), former tea-room at York Station (Eastern Region), Stranraer and Dumfries (both in Scottish Region), Swansea (Western Region) and Rowley, the North of England Open Air Museum at Beamish, Co. Durham.

A-TEST FALLOUT WAS 60 TIMES 'SAFE' LEVEL

A British atom bomb test exposed aborigines to up to 60 times the "safe" levels of fallout, the Australian Royal Commission into the 1950s tests was told yesterday in London by Mr Ronald Siddons, a senior scientific officer with the test team.

Mr Siddons, now a deputy director at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment in Berkshire, blamed miscalculations for the fallout level at Wallatina, 107 miles from the 1953 Totem One test site at Emu.

The hearing was adjourned until today.



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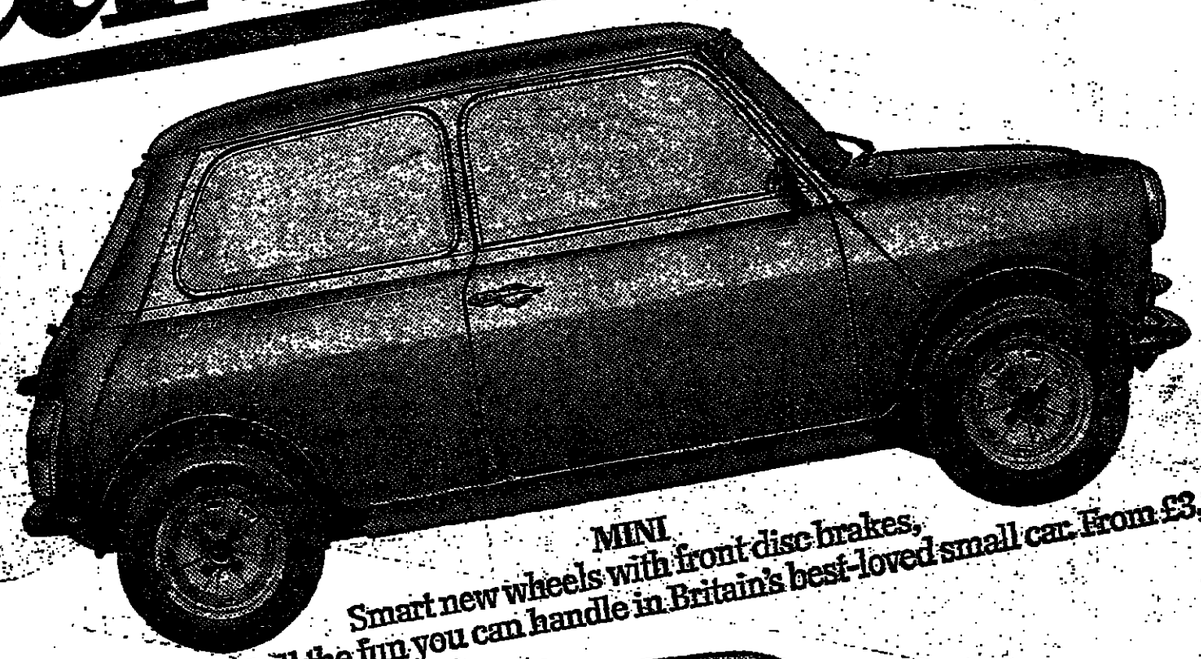

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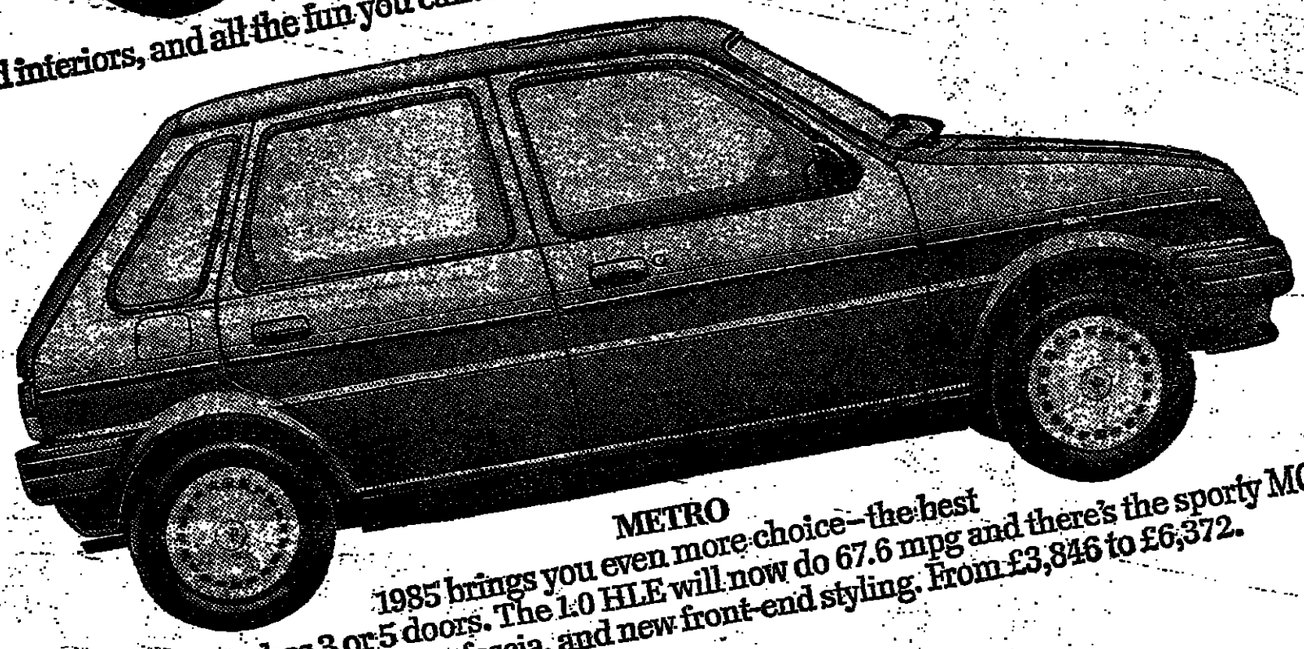

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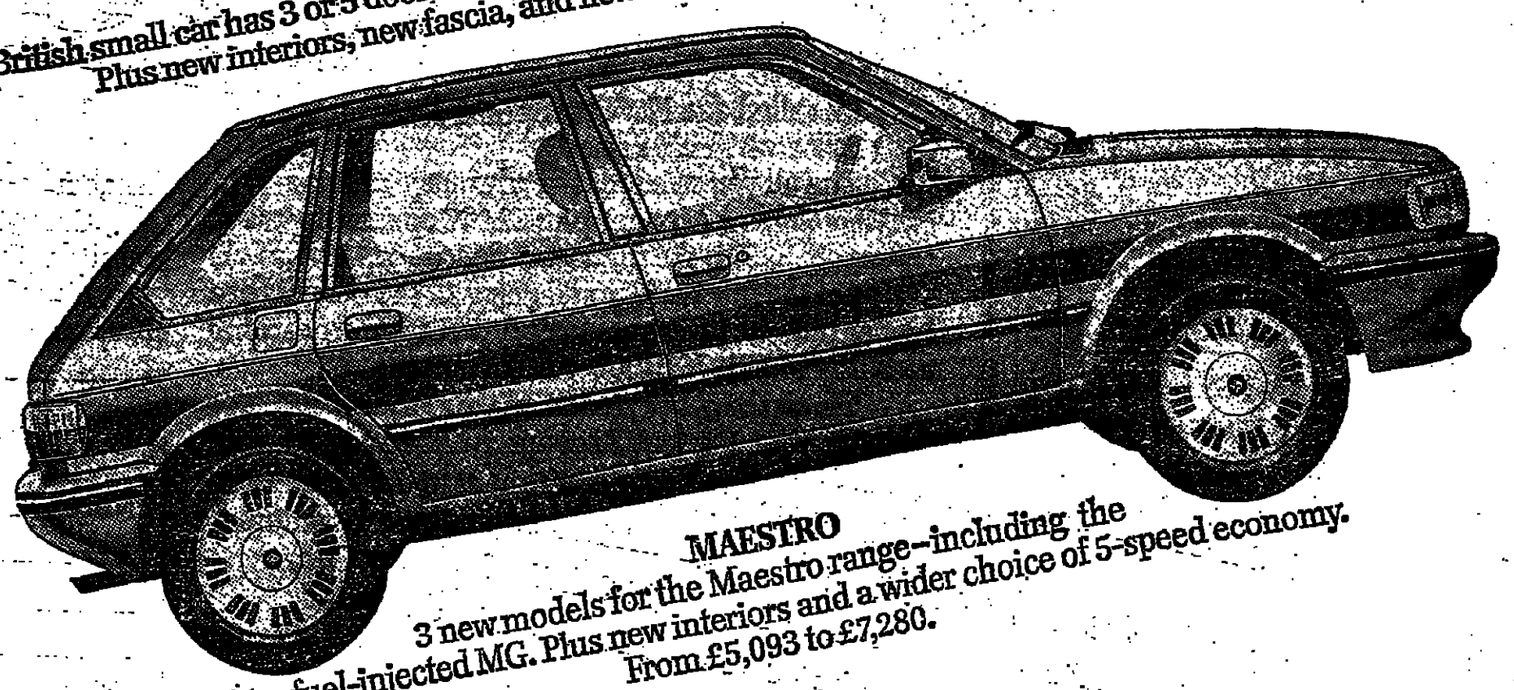

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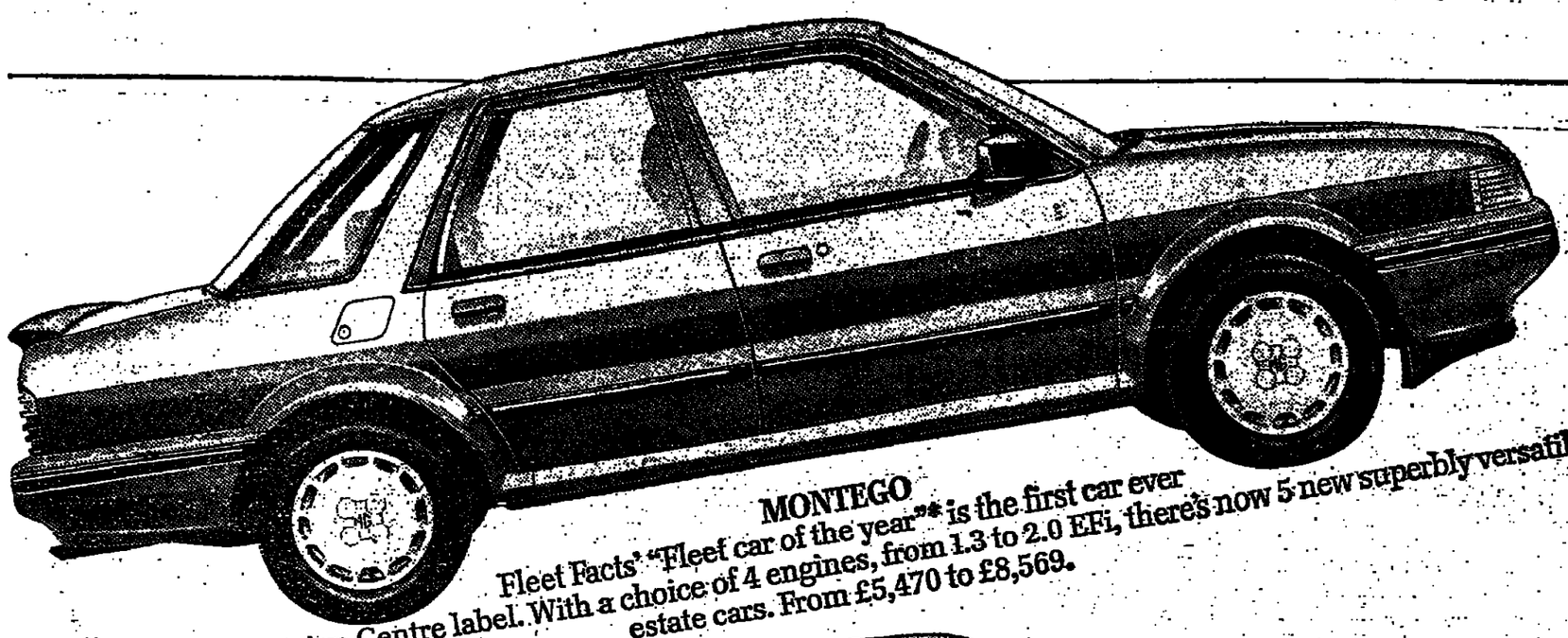

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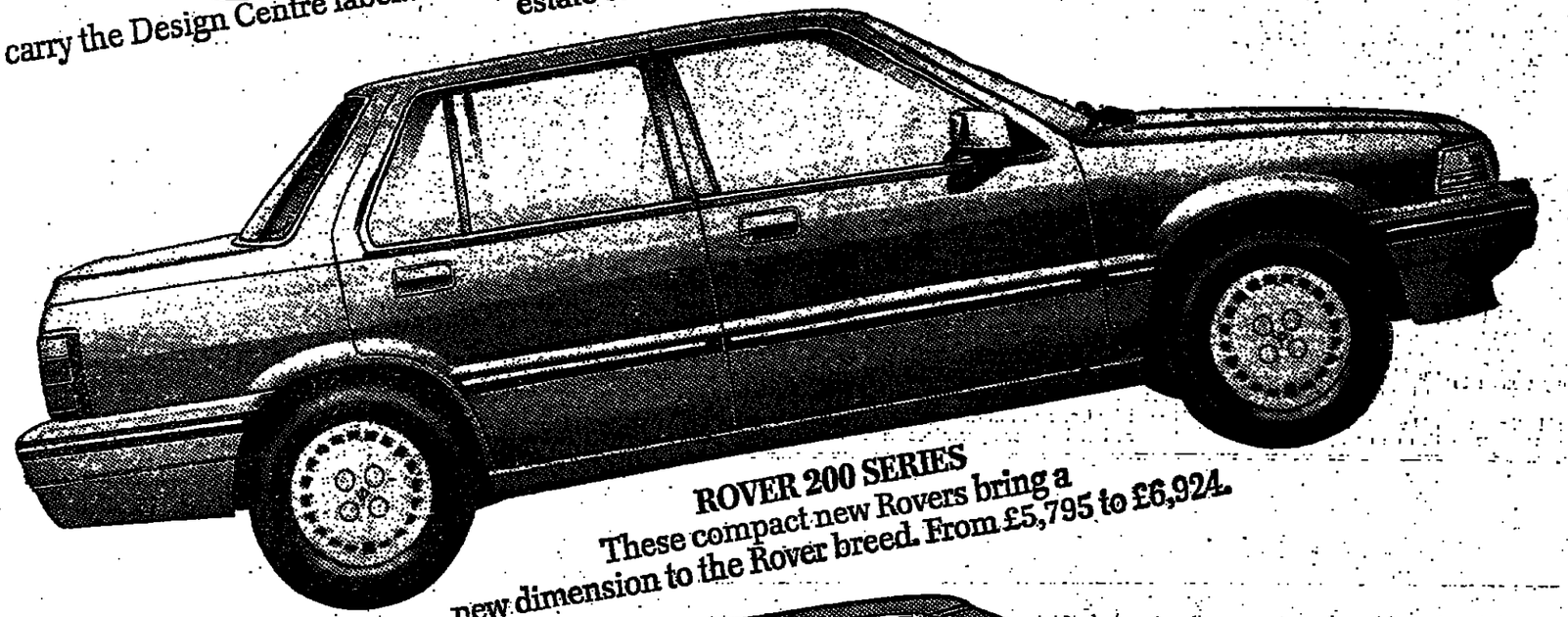

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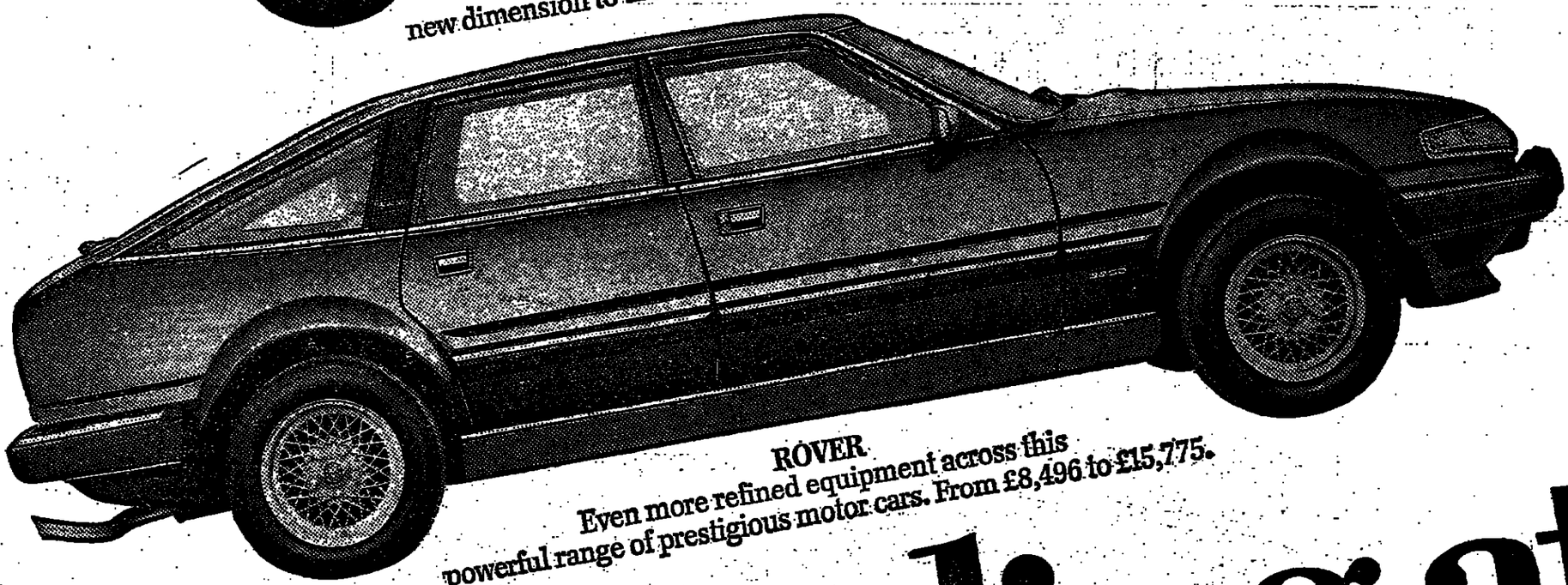

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TEST-TUBE BABY PIONEER ATTACKS POWELL BILL ON EMBRYOS

By ALAN COPPS

SCIENTISTS working in fertilisation and human embryology have set themselves ethical standards higher than those demanded by the Warnock Report. Dr Robert Edwards, a pioneer of "test-tube babies" techniques, said yesterday.

He launched an attack on Mr Enoch Powell's Bill for the Protection of the Unborn Child, which received a large majority in the Commons last week.

He said the bill would require women with infertility problems "to have a licence to procreate."

It would also oblige scientists to re-implant all the embryos they created in women, despite the possibility that some might be damaged.

Dr Edward, a reader in physiology at Cambridge is scientific director of Bourn Hall Clinic and collaborated with Dr Patrick Steptoe in the work which resulted in the birth in 1978 of Louise Brown, Britain's first test-tube baby.

Self-imposed rules

He said the ethical debate on the technique known as "in vitro" fertilisation began among scientists in its early days and they had called for a parliamentary commission as long ago as 1971.

It had taken the House of Commons, through the Warnock Committee and Friday's debate, more than 16 years to respond.

"The ones who called for action were the scientists and doctors. The politicians and religious leaders have been behind. Our self-imposed standards over 15 years have been stricter than those recommended by Warnocks," he said.

Dr Edwards was speaking at a forum on the Warnock Report organised by the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds at Imperial College, Kensington.

He said he rejected as unethical the creation of embryos specifically for research, one of the major concerns of Warnock.

One of his objections to the Powell bill was that it would oblige doctors to re-implant all embryos. This ignored the fact that it was now possible to tell when an embryo was defective. Some would develop deformities and others could cause foetal cancer.

"To my mind it would be immoral to replace such an embryo in a woman," he said.

Essential research

He also objected to the bill's stipulation that a woman should seek permission legally before attempting to have a child by in vitro fertilisation, known as L V F. That permission would last only four months, insufficient time for many women to be treated.

Dr Edwards said that research on embryos was essential to pursue inquiries into the causes of such problems as Down's Syndrome.

"Infertility is a major scourge but IVF has been a boost. Before, many women were untreatable. Now as a result of research 38 per cent of women become pregnant following the placement of three embryos. Male infertility is as successful in treatment."

Major shortcomings

Earlier, the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev. Maurice Wood said the Warnock Report had raised two vital issues: the protection of the family and the protection of the individual, in particular the embryo.

There weremany good things in the report but when it dealt with the family there were also major shortcomings.

There was the moral question of adultery, a legal one over inheritance and a social one in that both parents knew that the husband was not the child's natural father, something the child could discover.

Surrogacy controls

Dr Wendy Greengross, a member of the Warnock Committee, said she had signed the minority report which opposed the complete outlawing of surrogate motherhood.

While she agreed that surrogacy should not be on a commercial basis, she felt it should be controlled on a similar basis to adoption, with full participation by child welfare authorities.

Mr Powell's Bill was approved by 238 votes to 66, a majority of 172, on its second reading.

Its purpose would be to outlaw the use of any human embryo create din vitro for anything except to enable a named woman to bear a child.

The Social Services Secretary would have to give his authority in the case of each woman. Mr Powell said the purpose of his Bill was to prevent experimentation on embryos.

Mrs Carlann Fiil during her "stick down" protest at her business premises in Limehouse yesterday.

STICKING TO HER ASSETS

By BRIAN SILK

AFTER spending 24 hours with the seat of her pants glued to a staircase at her East London transport business, Mrs Carlann Fiil said yesterday: "I am going to stick it out."

Mrs Fiil, 32, glued herself down early on Monday before bailiffs arrived to seize the premises in Ratcliffe Lane, Limehouse. Expecting barricades they had pickaxes but found the door open and Mrs Fiil firmly fixed.

Seeing the sticky situation they left to consider their next move. The bailiffs had been sent by London Regional Transport, which needs the site of Mr and Mrs Fiil's Skandia Express Freight business for its Docklands railway system.

A compulsory purchase order had been obtained but the couple disagree with the £50,000 compensation being offered.

"We've spent 16 years building this business up from scratch and we're not going to be cheated now," said Mrs Fiil, who claims that an independent surveyor has valued the property at £80,000.

Backache and cramp

After more than 24 hours with her tight black leather slacks stuck to the staircase she was suffering from backache and cramp. Pink pillows support her back and her legs are kept warm by a pink duvet and an electric fan heater.

Her husband, John, said he was worried about his wife's health but she was "a very stubborn woman and I know she is determined to see this through."

A London Regional Transport spokesman said it was up to the bailiffs how they obtained possession. He added that the £50,000 was considered reasonable but "we are still prepared to discuss compensation."

Chief jail doctor's fear of dramatic rise in Aids

By HEATHER MILLS

PRISON staff were warned yesterday to expect a dramatic increase of Aids cases in jail in the next year.

Mr Michael O'Dwyer, chairman of Wormwood Scrubs Prison Officers' Association, said they were told of the threat by Dr John Kilgour, director of Prison Medical Services.

At the meeting last Saturday Dr Kilgour was said to have expressed surprise that there had been so few cases among prisoners so far.

Despite the warning, Prison Officers' Association members at the Scrubs, Britain's largest remand jail, have agreed to lift a ban of the transfer of inmates to other jails.

Mr O'Dwyer said the authorities had promised to screen more thoroughly the type of prisoner entering the jail, improve reception facilities, and look at conditions for the prison's 700 staff generally.

The threat of Aid's had brought to a head the concern over health and safety which had existed for months at the jail, which houses 1,200 men.

"We just don't have the facilities to cope with prisoners suffering from Aids or any other infectious diseases. The prison here only has a temporary hospital facility," said Mr O'Dwyer.

"If a prisoner was found to have Aids today, we couldn't nurse him properly. He would be a threat to the prison staff, inmates and to the public."

He stressed that if any more suspected cases occur, the officers' association will look at the situation again.

No coffin kisses

Meanwhile, undertakers and mortuary attendants are calling on the Government, to issue guidelines on the handling of bodies of Aids victims.

Mr David Coates, national organiser of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union, which has 3,000 undertaker members, said: "We have not even been told whether it is safe to bury the bodies. Some diseases live on after death.

"We feel we have a right to know the cause of death, so we can take further precautions. A red label could be used to alert us."

Mr Ben Rubner, the union's general secretary, said relatives who insisted on viewing bodies should be allowed to do so by mortuary staff, but they should be warned against kissing or touching the corpse.

The risk of catching it is still minimal

By Dr K. C. HUTCHIN Medical Consultant

LIKE syphilis in the 15th century, Aids was imported into Europe from America. The initials stand for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — an acquired infection which causes the body's immunity to disease to become deficient.

In 1980 Aids, which had long been present but unrecognised in some parts of the world, notably central Africa, suddenly erupted on the "gay" community in the United States with dire results. Well over 5,000 cases occurred in the next four years, mostly fatal.

The disease primarily affected homosexual men of whom there are said to be 10 million in the United States, but as time went on the infection spread to a limited number of women, probably via bi-sexual man who had contracted the infection from male sexual partners.

It also affected a small number of children born to infected parents.

Transfusion risk

Inevitably drug addicts using shared needles and syringes became infected with the virus which was proved to be the causative organism in 1983.

In the U.S., where blood donors are paid, many addicts and homosexuals give blood as a source of income with the unfortunate result that banks of blood for transfusion and the manufacture of plasma products, vital to haemophiliacs, became contaminated with the virus.

The result was that haemophiliacs an dothers who required blood transfusions became Aids victims.

In due course aids spread to European countries and Australia, still mainly among homosexual men. The first true cases in the United Kingdom were in 1981. Since then the disease has spread by promiscuous sex between males.

Pressure to find the cause of Aids was considerable. By 1983 the probable virus, known as HTLV-3, had been identified. This virus was subsequently proved to be the culprit by both French and American research workers working independently.

The molecular structure of this virus is known so it is possible for a vaccine for prevention and treatment of Aids could be produced in the next year.

Aids is still a rare disease. In Britain there have been only 118 cases of whom 51 have died. Nevertheless, panic although understandable in the "gay" community, has been out of all proportion among others so it must be stressed that the infection is only spread in very limited ways.

These include sexual intercourse, mostly between promiscuous homosexuals, transfusions of infected blood and plasma products and the use of contaminated needles and syringes by addicts.

In short, the virus is transmitted in body fluids, mainly blood and semen. Although it has been found in saliva there is no evidence that it can be transmitted on crockery or cutlery.

The risk of it being transmitted by giving the kiss of life is extremely remote.

The fact that Aids will not go away has to be faced but with a modification of the gay way of life leading to less promiscuity, a process which is already under way, the number of new cases should diminish. We are already on the way to bringing Aids under control.

Loss of weight

Within a few months plasma products will be heat-treated (a process which kills the virus) so that haemophiliacs will no longer be at risk.

The symptoms of Aids are common in many other diseases so it is only when they all occur simultaneously over long periods that someone in a high risk group that the disease would be suspected.

These symptoms are: Swollen glands, profound fatigue, unexpected loss of weight, shortness of breath, dry cough, skin diseases and thrush.

We are well on the way to conquering this small but much publicised epidemic.

PORT & SHERRY 'OVERTAXED BY 30p'

The tax on port, sherry and vermouth needs to be cut by at least 30p a bottle in next month's Budget to halt the fall in sales and Treasury revenue, said Mr Arnold Tasker, chairman of the Wine and Spirit Association, yesterday.

"Over-taxation has seriously damaged sales," he said. "Port sales are down 29 per cent., and sherry and vermouth down by 25 per cent. The Chancellor is literally taxing these wines beyond the pocket of Mr and Mrs Britain.

"A reduction worth af least 30p would be needed to open up the possibility of a real recovery in this sector of the market. Present taxation levels are actually losing revenue for the Treasury."

900 STRAY DOGS DESTROYED

Nearly 900 dogs have been destroyed in Belfast during the past year, following the city council's decision to clear the streets of strays by appointing two full-time dog wardens. Of the 1,319 caught during 1984, only 165 were reclaimed by owners, with 258 being resold and 889 put down.

The round-up has so annoyed some pet lovers that the city's dog catchers have been stoned and insulted.

DRIVING BAN ON ACTRESS

Nyree Dawn Porter, 49, the actress, was fined a total of £140 with £50 costs at Brighton yesterday when she admitted driving with one and a half times the legal limit of alcohol and driving without lights. She was banned from driving for a year.

Mr Sidney Manches her solicitor said Miss Porter of Coral Road, Richmond-upon-Thames, had flown from Belfast to Brighton for the opening night last October of "The Chalk Garden" at the Theatre Royal. She was suffering from 'flu and had three glasses of wine with a meal after the performance.

BLASTS SCARE AT GREENHAM

Explosions rocked the Greenham cruise missile base early yesterday and brought a flood of complaints from anxious residents, Newbury telephone exchange reported dozens of calls about 1 a.m. from families who feared the worst.

Wing Commander Michael Marsh, RAF commander at the base, explained: "It was all part of a military exercise which has been going on since Saturday. We had to simulate explosions to give our people training in how to react. I'm afraid it's necessary to do this from time to time in the middle of the night."

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Yet with all the pressures of an astonishingly high drugs bill of some £1,400 million a year, Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler has proposed that it should be the Government that decides a patient's future.

The method he has chosen is the so-called limited list — a set of named drugs which the family doctor must choose from for common medical problems ranging from digestive ailments to the treatment of many types of pain.

I was Health Minister for four years so I have a great respect for Norman Fowler and understand the need to save money — in this case the £100 million a year that he wants — and the good use to which this Government is putting money in the NHS.

Danger

The Government has a remarkably good record in health. It has increased spending from £7,000 million in 1979 to nearly £17,000 million today. It has built 35

By former Tory Health Minister Gerard Vaughan

British Medical Association is fearful that it would be the thin end of a wedge that could be used to turn the independent family practitioner into a State-run doctor.

The pharmaceutical industry will take investment, and with it new jobs, abroad. This would be bad for Britain because the industry produces some of the safest and highest quality drugs in the world and its research has eradicated or reduced some of the world's major diseases — diphtheria, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis.

But perhaps most important of all, patients are worried that the drug their doctor to prescribe will not be [illegible] the NHS.

find they must pay fo privately or accept an a native, which may not suitable.

A team of seven doctors already been set up by Government to cons which drugs are to allowed.

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I believe there is a way care for all these people wh

Two-tier medicine puts NHS principles at risk

MADELENE SHARP (Letters, January 21) rightly highlights the two-tier medicine which will result from the new legislation's "limited list" for prescriptions.

In fact this is the latest series of attacks on the principles of the NHS. T ment is supposed to be avail as needed, regardless of inco

But take a case close to m heart — juvenile-onset diabet one of the most common chron illnesses. It has become increa ingly costly to maintain the go control necessary to prevent health and serious complicati

The hospital I attend supp about a quarter of my needy many health districts their diabetic patients with ing but insulin and the equipment — reusable s which are uncomfortable accurate and an infectio nothing to sterilise or sto fine and urine-testing which are much less use the dearer blood-sugar mo ing equipment.

I spend at least £17 a m simply on sterile syringes blood-sugar monitoring equ ment. This would be much m if I didn't keep the stuff in fridge and re-use "single-us syringes etc.

Such financial penalties f sickness, which must mean th many people have to get by dangerous second-best, are doubt revealed many times in NHS. There's a crying need f more publicity and a concerte campaign to rescue our heal service.

SALLY HAZELTON
London N16.

Medical college heads refuse to join drug talks

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The presidents of the medical royal colleges are to boycott discussions on the Government's limited drugs list, it was disclosed yesterday. They are annoyed that the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, failed to consult them before drawing up his proposals. More than 30 MPs—including some 20 Tories—in the all-party drug industry committee are urging Mr Fowler to postpone the list until he [illegible] cussed alternative [illegible] ing the £100 mil to the Treasury.

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[illegible] der, Mr Kenneth Clarke, will express the united [illegible] that these proposals should be postponed in order that [illegible] ingful discussions can take place with doctors' representatives and the pharmaceutical companies to explore other five ways of making savings the NHS drugs bill."

The British Medical Association, which yesterday affirmed its decision to boycott talks on the list, is stepping up its campaign to persuade

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Doctors: Two-tier system on the way

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Hospital doctors slam the list

Hospitals currently operating limited lists feel that Norman Fowler's list is totally unrealistic.

This week they began to assess the impact on their work [illegible] problems in hospitals if the list was kept to," he said. Oxford hospitals, like many others, operate their own formulary but this was much more extensive than the list proposed by [illegible]

flatulant were important in clinical practice.

"Many of these other drugs that are used are given specifically for gastro-oesophageal reflux where there is evidence [illegible] flatulant is useful."

[illegible] different preparations [illegible] ing bulk-forming [illegible] may be hundreds of [illegible] but they are not all [illegible] of them can be [illegible] do the job better [illegible] antacids."

[illegible] Kline & French Smith [illegible] of laxatives to be "total nonsense". [illegible] suppositories don't [illegible]

"There are in fact people with slow transit constipation, where the profession has agreed that a stimulant laxative is almost essential. Bulk laxatives are of altogether no value to these people.

"Stool softeners also have a place in the geriatric patients and those suffering from piles.

"It seems to me that wherever they get their information from, it is not very well informed."

Consultant anaesthetist at Charing Cross Hospital, Dr Peter Evans, made another point: "I can't see them stopping the use of analgesic. I am [illegible] intend [illegible]

second, third or fourth day analgesic, postoperatively before putting the patient on to aspirin or paracetamol, so postoperative pain is an important aspect too.

"While I am opposed to companies selling two of the same products, I think just to cut out whole sections of drugs is wrong.

"I can't see that giving us a choice of aspirin and paracetamol is adequate."

Consultant to the regional pain relief clinic at Hope Hospital, Manchester, Dr Christopher Spanswick, added other criticisms too.

"I think there is a place for the [illegible] analgesics and [illegible]

Government's medical advisers oppose plan for limited drugs list

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

[illegible] vernment's senior advisory body has [illegible] against the Government's [illegible] to introduce a [illegible] of drugs available on [illegible] Health Service.

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Introducing the list through regulations, would make it inflexible and difficult to [illegible]

understood to have said that, while it backed moves for more economic and effective prescribing, the Government's approach was wrong.

An appeal mechanism would be needed to allow doctors to go outside the limited list if a patient needed a particular branded drug and there could be problems of quality control over unbranded drugs.

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LIMITED LIST

Opposition from two royal colleges

THE Royal College of General Practitioners has urged the Government to drop its limited list plans and to seek a strategic policy for prescribing within the NHS based on the Greenfield report.

It says: "This is a time for looking forward, for a constructive partnership between government and profession rather than recrimination and conflict."

The Royal College of Psychiatrists says it has serious res[illegible] about the propos[illegible] als and obje[illegible] period of cons[illegible] statutory rest[illegible] unacceptable [illegible] require cumb[illegible] sion and a co[illegible]

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Tory drugs plan slammed

By HELEN BENNETT

IN ONE of the broadest anti-Thatcher alliances yet forged, trade unionists and managements in the multinational pharmaceutical industry are working closely together to oppose the government's plans for prescribing drugs.

The Tories want to save £100 million on the NHS medicines [illegible] are to come into effect on April 1, would eventually mean a job loss of 5,000.

R&D sections would be the first to be hit as companies' profits slump with the loss of trade with the multi-million pound national health market.

Production would also be hit and in many companies, and production [illegible] only the [illegible] re plan[illegible] sals. [illegible] ked the [illegible] lt in a [illegible] patients not on private [illegible] libel [illegible]

Ann

A prescription to make Britain's poor suffer

Sir,—About 25 years ago I wrote to the Guardian describing the period between the diagnosis of inoperable cancer of the lung caused by cigarettes, and the ultimate death of my patient nine months later.

In my letter I requested the Government to ban all tobacco advertising. The issue was raised in Parliament, but nothing was done. Looking back, the cost of doing nothing would be at least 100,000 lives, dying from cancer of the lung and coronary artery disease.

We now hear from the Government that "prescription [illegible] item (£1.60) if it is vital."

At one time our NHS was described, justly, as the envy of the world. The position is now reversed. Waiting time in Walsall, to see an E.N.T. consultant, is 12 to 16 months. In Holland and West Germany 4 to 5 days. Operations for tonsils in Walsall follow about one year after the consultation.

To GPs in industrial areas the gradual privatisation of the NHS, now taking place, is all right for the Harley Street areas of our great cities and towns, but for [illegible] per cent of our patients it means privation and [illegible]

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(Dr) E. W. [illegible]
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Rebel Tories put Fowler on spot over drugs p[illegible]

LIMITED-LIST PRESCRIBING

REBEL TORY MPs have challenged Health Secretary Norman Fowler to justify his proposed restriction on the number of drugs available on the NHS.

The group, led by MP Ann Winterton, dispute the minister's figure of 17,000 products prescribable on the NHS. They point out that *MIMS* contains only 2,000 specialty products and the *British National Formulary* only 6,000 entries, while the number of product licences have halved since 1970.

Mr Fowler is asked to explain the "apparent discrepancy".

The rebels say: "As British per capita medicine spending is low, could it not be argued that the number of products available for prescribing is irrelevant?"

They also attack the minister's claim that the 100 million increase in GP scrips over the last 25 years indicates a need for a limited list.

They suggest other factors for the rise such as an ageing popula[illegible]

control has also been slammed by the MPs. They suggest that savings could be gained by lowering returns in the Prescription Pricing Regulation Scheme.

The MPs do not believe that there is any real need to introduce the radical new form of limited-list intervention and in view of Health Minister Kenneth Clarke's reported admission that such a list would damage drug exports, they want a statement on the immediate and future consequences to British trade if a list was introduced.

The MPs quote fears that the scheme stems from World Health Organisation proposals and anti-industry pressure groups who wished to "decommercialise" the world pharmaceutical market.

Damage

They [illegible]

based drug firms have accepted profit restraint for many years and it was unfair now to blacklist some of their products.

Disputing Mr Clarke's claim that a limited list would increase private medical expenditure, the MPs ask: "Why should this be the case if the NHS list is adequate for all proper medical treatment?" They also demand to know how the £100m saving will be split between patients and industry.

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Dr Ivan Wisely: proposals a threat on two fronts.

LIMITED LIST CONTROVERSY

A four-page round-up of this week's developmen[illegible] reactions from local medical committees and R[illegible]

Local medical committees hit [illegible]

Feeling among local medical committees is running strongly against the Government's proposals.

Many committees have already met and have fully backed the protests made by the general medical services committee. Other committees will be meeting in the next two or three weeks.

The following are among those committees which have already met.

Lancashire LMC, which met last week, was unanimously opposed to the proposal. Members said it was wrong that no consultation had taken place. The meeting decided to write to the GMSC objecting to the proposal in principle and calling for immediate consultations.

In Cheshire the LMC passed two resolutions, one protesting about the lack of consultation and the other declaring that there should be no agreement to the proposed restrictions until proper consultation and mutual agreement between GPs and the Government had been reached.

At West Sussex LMC there was a more mixed response. Members agreed that there were one or two sensible measures contained in the Government's plan. On the other hand they entirely supported the GMSC in its opposition to the crude way in which the proposals had been announced.

At the City and East London LMC, where members did not have the full documents before them, there was strong opposition to the creation of a two-tier system and criticism from some members that this was the end of the NHS in its present form.

This was echoed in Greenwich and Bexley, while across in Camden and Islington the LMC decided to write to Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler to protest about the way the announcement had been made.

Hereford Worcester LMC, which met two weeks ago, passed three resolutions supporting the GMSC on the line it had taken, criticising the Government's dictatorial handling of the matter and expressing concern about what would happen to disgruntled patients.

Secretary Dr Robin Steel said the way to manage the health service was for the DHSS and the professions to work together.

In Scotland, opposition to the Government is running very strongly from Glasgow to the Shetlands.

Among those LMCs which have met, Grampian has decided to write in protest to local MPs, newspapers and to the Scottish GMSC.

Its main concern is the effect the proposals will have on the elderly and those with young children.

LMC secretary Dr Ivan Wisely said the plan posed a threat financially and to the patient's health.

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Yesterday in Parliament

THATCHER HAS $ WARNING FOR REAGAN

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

SHORTLY before leaving for the United States yesterday. Mrs THATCHER told the Commons that she would be warning President Reagan of the "brutal" consequences for other countries if there was to be a sudden collapse in the value of the dollar.

She also made it clear that she would be pressing the President to take action to reduce his budget deficit in order to solve the problems flowing from the dollar's present high value.

The Prime Minister was urged by Mr TERENCE HIGGINS (C., Worthing) to stress to the President the need for international contingency plans to deal with the possible short-term collapse of the dollar.

"Will you stress how absurd it would be for the strongest economy in the world to resort to protectionist measures?" he asked.

Mrs THATCHER replied that she would be putting very strongly the point of the effect on the United States' traditional trading partners.

"Many developing countries need trade as much as they need aid. If we do have a sudden collapse of the dollar the consequences could be veyr brutal. We will be pointng that out."

Budget deficit

Mr ROGER FREEMAN (C. Kettering) asked her to commend the American Administration for their effective intervention in the foreign exchange markets recently to stabilise the dollar.

"Will you remind him that the only permanent solution to the problem of the high dollar is to solve the American Federal Budget deficit?"

Mrs Thatcher said that the agreement at the Williamsburg summit, and a recent meeting of finance ministers, was to make certain that speculators never knew whether there would be an intervention or not.

It was to help prevent "the resurgence of the dollar as strongly as might otherwise have happened.

"I agree that the deficit is the fundamental problem and fully support all those in Congress and the Administration who are earnestly seeking to take action to reduce it."

Mr KINNOCK asked if the Prime Minister recalled saying 14 months ago, when the pound was worth $1·45, that she would rather be in Britain's financial position, which was sustainable, than in that of the United States.

"As you change your pounds for dollars today is that still your view?"

Mrs THATCHER replied: "I would still say yes. I think we are in a much more sustainable position."

Mr KINNOCK said that in the ensuing 14 months unemployment in the United States had gone down by 1,100,000 while in Britain it had gone up by 150,000; their industrial production had gone up by six per cent. whereas ours had gone down by 1½ per cent.; and, our interest rates had gone up by 55 per cent. and their's down by ten per cent.

"If you are really the President's No.1 fan will you realise that emulation might be the sincerest form of flattery?"

Mrs THATCHER retorted that the President was fortunte in one respect — there was no danger of socialism in his country.

"They are an enterprise culture, and never had the union problems to deal with that we have."

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Debates on the need for a Royal Disability Council, on the state of the British pharmaceutical industry and on wider share ownership.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order; Trustee Savings Banks Bill, rmng stages.

Harmony on call to stop Noraid cash

By Our Parliamentary Staff

MR KINNOCK yesterday offered firm backing to the Prime Minister for the attempts she will make during her visit to the United States to stop the flow of financial support for the I R A.

In a rare harmonious Commons exchange between the two, Mrs THATCHER thanked him for his "great support"

"It will help me in the United States that all Members of the House are united."

Mr KINNOCK said he wished to endorse "yet again and firmly the condemnation you have made of the supply of arms to Northern Ireland as a result of funding from the United States."

'Foolish' Americans

The Prime Minister was asked by Mr ANDREW MACKAY (C. Berkshire E.) to illustrate to "those foolish Americans who fund Noraid that what it leads to is the murder of Irishmen by Irishmen," as had been shown by the savage murder in front of his children of the prison warder, Mr Patrick Kerr.

Mrs THATCHER condemned the murder as "particularly cruel and brutal, and ought to be seen as a disgrace in any part of the world."

She said she would do as much as she could to prevent any money going to Noraid. "It is important to stress that the I R A does not represent the public—indeed the organisation is banned in the Republic. The I R A is fundamentally against democracy itself."

OPPOSITION ATTACKS BILL TO BEAT COURT RULING

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

LEGISLATION to make the Greater London Council pay a disputed £50 million in grants to London Regional Transport was attacked by Labour in the Commons yesterday as a "shabby little manœuvre" to get round a High Court ruling which went against Mr Ridley, the Transport Secretary.

The Government is hurrying the London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill through Parliament with a view to getting a third reading in the Commons tomorrow night.

It will then go to the Lords.

Mr RIDLEY stressed on second reading yesterday that the Bill should go through Parliament as quickly as possible to give the G L C and L R T the "earliest possible element of certainty."

Whatever MPs think about the legislation, it was right to decide the issue as quickly as possible, Mr Ridley said.

The Bill requires the G L C to pay £258 million in grants to London Regional Transport—successors to the G L C-controlled London Transport—for 1984-85, of which £50 million is in dispute.

'Propaganda fronts'

The High Court ruled that Mr Ridley had acted in an "unlawful, irrational and procedurally improper manner" over the amount of grant the G L C should pay to London Regional Transport.

Mrs DUNWODDY, Opposition Transport spokesman, said the judgment against Mr Ridley had been so damning that Ministers in any other government would have been obliged to resign.

Mr RIDLEY said that if the Bill was not brought forward now, and if the money remained with the G L C, it would either have to be found from L R T's passengers or from the ratepayers in future years.

He suggested that if the G L C was allowed to keep the money it would probably be used for one of the "propaganda fronts" funded by the council.

"It is not for the courts to determine how much grant should be paid by the G L C, nor have the courts presumed to do so.

"That is a matter of policy, and it is right that the Government, with the approval of Parliament, should determine it."

Countering criticisms that he should have gone to appeal rather than introduce a Bill retrospectively to recover the money, Mr Ridley said: "It would not have helped L R T or the G L C if we had gone through the process of appeal, only to end up without the correct amount having to be paid and facing further legal disputes and uncertainty."

The High Court decision had "put into limbo" the amount of grant which should be paid to L R T in the current financial year.

Mrs DUNWOODY: War of attrition against the G L C.

"Unless this matter is resolved quickly and beyond doubt, the G L C's annual budgeting and rate precepting processes wil lhate to proceed without the G L C knowing for certain what the payments to L R T for this financial year will be."

London Regional Transport also needed a firm basis on which to plan for 1985-86 and future years.

'Change of rules'

Mrs DUNWOODY said that the court finding for the G L C was saying that Mr Ridley was asking for money to which he was not entitled.

"We are being asked today to take legislation which is, in effect, retrospective because a court of law found that the Transport Secretary had acted unlawfully, irrationally and procedurally improperly in giving a direction which excedded his statutory powers."

Mr Ridley was not prepared to accept that he was wrong. "He is saying: 'If I did not get it right the first time, I am goin gto change the rules so I get it right the second time'.

"He is perpetratin on the House of Commons a nasty shabby little battle in his war of atrition against the G L C."

Mrs Dunwoody condemned the Bill as a "shabby and embarrassing little maneouvre." She was appalled that Mr Ridley was going to use his enormous majority to push through legislation anyone should be ashamed of.

'Breathtaking arrogance'

Mr JOHN CARTWRIGHT (Soc. Dem., Woolwich) opposed the Bill as "a shabby, shady, hole-in-the-corner measure" and Mr TONY BANKS (Lab., Newham N W), who is on the G L C, charged Mr Ridley with combining incompetence with breathtaking arrogance.

"The Bill is designed to allow you to escape the consequences of your own unlawful, irrational and procedurally improper actions.

"You are getting round the law and abusing your position of power in this land.

Racial prejudice charge by Bishop over Hongkong

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

IT was hard to resist the unwelcome conclusion that the Government was racially prejudiced, said the Bishop of BIRMINGHAM, the Rt Rev. Hugh Montefiore, during yesterday's second reading debate in the Lords on the Hongkong Bill.

He said he feared for the fate of 5,000 ethnic Indians and Africans who lived in the colony and who could become British Nationals (Overseas) when it was transferred to China in 1997.

The Bishop queried why they should not have a right to settle in Britain like the Falkland Islanders and the Gibraltarians.

They could suffer like the Ugandan Asians under citizenship proposals which gave them no right to live anywhere. While he hated to say it, he could not but note that privileges given o whites in the British Dependent Territories were denied to blacks.

They needed security through a kind of citizenship which was effective. The Government should discharge its moral obligations to ethnic Indians settled in Hongkong who were in danger of being treated less than fairly.

Sensitive problem

While welcoming the Bill both Lord CLEDWYN, Opposition Leader in the Lords, and Lord BEAUMONT (Lib) said that nationality would be a most sensitive problem to be considered carefully.

Lord GEDDES (C) noted that while the children of British overseas citizens born after 1997 were to have the same status, their grandchildren would be born stateless.

Baroness YOUNG, Foreign Office Minister, sad the Government had made its intention clear thta no child born after July 1997 should be made stateless.

But it would not be appropriate to grant British nationality indefinitely to the descendants of British nationals.

She resented the suggestion that the Government's immigration policy was racialist and asked the Bishop to consider the implications of granting a right of abode here apparently on racial criteria.

The Bill was given an unopposed Second Reading.

PIT STRIKE'S 'NEEDLESS SUFFERING'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

THE miners' strike was a very expensive lesson in the wastefulness of disputes and the unnecessary suffering they cause, the Earl of GOWRIE, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said in the Lords yesterday.

It was a tragic, unnecessary dispute, he said.

He told Lord Diamond, chairman of the Social Democrat peers, that it was estimated to have reduced growth in Britain's gross domestic product by between one and 1¼ per cent. in 1984 to 2½ per cent.

Lord Gowrie saw a primary need for unions and managements to agree effective procedures through which issues could be considered and resolved jointly.

Lord DIAMOND said a widely publicised estimate put the cost at between £5 billion and £6 billion, but there had been enormous personal suffering for strikers and their families besides the economic cost to us all.

He looked to the day when striking as a means of settling disputes "with honour and justice" would be seen as being about as relevant as duelling.

Lord BARNETT (Lab.) said that the dispute and the closure of uneconomic pits could have been carried out much more cost effectively and without enormous damage "but for the provocative appointment of Mr Ian MacGregor."

Lord GOWRIE disagreed, saying the dispute had had a relatively small effect on the prosperity we enjoyed and when it ended we should bounce back in very good shape indeed.

Lord BOYD-CARPENTER (C) said the Coal Board chairman was an extremely able and courageous man. If blame was to be attributed many would find it much more convincingly attributed to Mr Scargill.

Belgrano 'betrayal' claim rejected

By Our Parliamentary Staff

THE Government had large majorities at the end of the debate in the Commons on the sinking of the Argentine warship General Belgrano.

As reported in later editions of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH yesterday, a Labour amendment accusing Ministers of betraying their responsibility to Parliament by seeking to mislead M Ps was defeated by 350 votes to 202, Government majority 148.

The Government motion recognising that the sinking was 'a necessary and legitimate action in the Falklands campaign" was carried by 351 votes to nil.

Mr GERALD KAUFMAN, winding up for Labour, said that Mr Clive Ponting had had to be prosecuted because he had committed the unpardonable sin of drawing attention to the fact tha Minisers had misled Parliamen and that it had not been done inadvertently or accideotally.

Mr Stanley, Armed Forces Minister, had prevented replies being given to questions about the Belgrano, and had shown that he had no wis hto encourage any debate about the subject, whatsoever.

United front

Such ad been the climate of deception in the Defence Ministry that one official had written a minute asking for guidance lest he had "departed inadvertently from the public line and risked a breach in our united front."

Mr Kaufman declared: "That was a united front against a select committee of this House."

Mr STANLEY, replying to the debate amid loud shouts of "resign", said it was true he had asked Mr Ponting to produce two drafts in reply to a letter about when the Belgrano was located.

But he had been the first Minister to take the initiative in asking Mr Ponting to go further than Ministers had before in preparing a draft acknowledging that the Belgrano had been sighted on May 1.

The Government had taken the creditable decision from the outset to adopt a policy of partial disclosure, when they could have gone for no disclosure. Total disclosure would have been totally irresponsible.

Safety of submarines

Disclosing that six submarines had been deployed in the South Atlantic during the Falklands War, he argued that divulging information about one of them could affect the safety of them all, and that of our Polaris

Mr Stanley said that he had been subjected to a campaign of character assassination over the past fornight. He rejected totally the accusation that he had somehow behaved improperly to the House.

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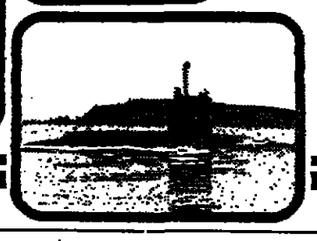

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MOTORING — COLIN DRYDEN

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WITH petrol poised to break the £2 a gallon barrier in the Budget next month, if not before, its price is a subject very close to all our hearts and wallets. With oil companies claiming that it is too cheap now and should be averaging £1·96 a gallon the law that says what goes up must come down does not apply in this case.

It is difficult to see anything but an ascending spiral of price increases for petrol which makes the motor industry's efforts to improve consumption all the more vital. Petrol is already taxed at the rate of £1·05 per gallon and taxes never come down either.

In the longer term there is also the prospect of lead-free petrol throughout the E E C, by order, from October 1, 1989. According to the oil industry it will cost around £550 million to convert refineries for the production of petrol without the efficiency-improving lead. This raises the octane rating and lubricates the valves and was first used as an additive for the purpose in the 1920s.

However, it is now being blamed as a source of pollution although there are those who say that the link between blood lead levels and pollution from petrol engine exhausts (diesel, incidentally, is lead free) is yet to be proved conclusively.

The amount now in use is 0·40 grammes per litre and will be reduced by the end of the year to 0·15. The average car covering an annual mileage of 9,000 miles consumes about seven ounces of lead, apparently. However, the lead has to come out and if is thought that, at current prices, this could add another 6p to the cost of a gallon. There is not only the extra cost of refining to be considered but more crude oil will be needed to produce the same amount of petrol.

But the extra cost is not the only source of concern for motorists at what is probably the biggest single change since cars no longer had to be preceded by a man with a red flag. At the moment only about one in 10 of cars on the road can run on unleaded petrol, being mainly the Japanese and German ones that can take two-star fuel.

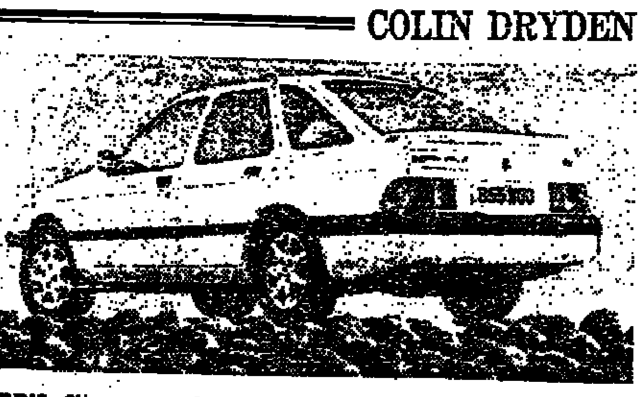
Existing car engines designed to run on 97 octane four-star fuel *could* be converted and the necessary changes made to the valve seats and ignition timing for about £200. But, as in America, older cars needing leaded fuel will still be allowed while all new ones will have to be built to take the lead-free petrol.

The change, though drastic, is not going to happen overnight from the autumn of 1989. America took the decision to go lead-free 10 years ago but almost half the cars on the roads there still use leaded petrol.

There should be no problem about getting the wrong sort of fuel for your engine. In America, cars taking unleaded fuel have smaller filler pipes.

The next and more expensive nut to crack is the catalytic converter at £300-£400 per car. These are already fitted to exhaust systems in America to reduce nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions. However, they are useless on cars still running on leaded fuel because the lead poisons the catalysts.

The whole matter is under discussion in the E E C with our Government favouring development of the "lean burn" engine which improves the combustion process, thereby cleaning up the exhaust. Whichever way you look at it motoring gets more expensive all the time.



Sierra XR4x4

FORD'S Sierra may have had its critics as opinions are divided about its shape but there is no denying its fifth place with 115,000 sales at the end of 1984.

The XR4i has always seemed one of the better sporting saloons and quite distinctive with its "biplane" rear wings. These, we were always assured, were essential for smoothing out the airflow and certainly the Sierra has been vulnerable to side winds. But the wings are no more on the new four-wheel-drive version which should be one of the highlights of the Geneva Motor Show which runs from March 7-17.

Up to now Audi have set the pace with 4 x 4, offering it on every car in the range but Ford's Special Engineering Department's system splits the drive from the five-speed manual gearbox to give 66 per cent. of the engine's torque to the rear wheels and 34 per cent. to the front. This compares with Audi's 50-50 split on their road cars and Ford say their rearward drive bias is preferred by most sporting drivers and helps acceleration out of slow corners.

Ford also have viscous coupling limited-slip differentials which prevent wheelspin thus improving traction and road-holding in difficult driving conditions.

This means that there is no need for the driver to engage differential locks manually in treacherous weather because the system does it for him automatically.

For the Sierra, Ford favoured the now almost old fashioned concept of front engine, rear drive because the car was due to take so many different sizes of power unit. This means that the 2792 cc V-6 engine, producing 150 bhp, needs a fairly complicated front drive assembly.

Power-assisted steering is standard on the XR 4 x 4 and has been designed to give a sharp response in slow speed manoeuvring without being oversensitive on the open road. The 4 x 4 also has stiffer springs than the XR4i as well as revised gas-filled damper settings. The rear suspension has also been re-designed and there are new trailing arms to permit the mounting of large diameter disc brakes.

This very interesting new model goes on sale here in May and should cost around the £11,500 mark with anti-lock brakes being available in the autumn. Existing XR4i models, which accounted for about four per cent. of Sierra sales, will continue until stocks run out.

Also available in May is the 2.0iS Sierra with a Bosch electronic fuel injection 2-litre engine developing 115 bhp. Ford claim a maximum speed of 118 mph and a 0-60 mph acceleration time of 9·4 seconds. The new engine management system not only controls idle speed but continually tests itself to detect malfunctions but also diagnoses its own faults.

Toyota's Starlet

NOT ONLY is Toyota Japan's biggest and most successful car manufacturer, it has also long been regarded as the most conservative in design, writes JOHN LANGLEY. Until quite recently, it still had a preponderance of front engine/rear drive models, a situation which did not deter buyers in its main export markets in North America but which had less appeal to European motorists.

All this has been changing over the past two years, following a massive investment in new front-wheel-drive models. The latest, and almost the last to get the front drive/transverse engine treatment is the smallest car in the range, the Starlet which now falls into line with all its major European and Japanese rivals. It goes on sale in Britain from today in just one well-equipped version, the 1-litre GL three-door hatchback, selling at £4,770.

Toyota's other news today is the introduction of a six-year anti-corrosion warranty on all their new cars sold in Britain made possible it is said by what is intriguingly described as "unique corrosion-spurning steel," called Excelite. Hmm . . . And the attractive "people carrier" Space Cruiser now gets a more powerful 87 bhp two-litre engine in place of the previous 78 bhp 1·8-litre power unit, as well as up-rated front suspension, to cut the cornering wallow.

The old rear-drive Starlet was a quietly popular little car with a good re-sale value and excellent fuel economy, for its day. But the new 999 c.c., 12-valve, overhead cam. engine is not only considerably more powerful than the previous push-rod unit (54 bhp against 44 bhp) but substantially more economical, aided by a new five-speed gearbox (and an 88lb reduction in car weight). Official consumption figures (with the previous model's in brackets) are: urban driving cycle 46·3 mpg (39·5 mpg), constant 56 mph 62·8 (46·8), constant 75 mph 44·1 (35·4).

The new body has bigger windows and although it is more than two inches shorter, at just under 12ft 2 inches, has more legroom in the back, as well as more shoulder room front and rear. The Starlet's seats have been re-designed for European weights.

The new Starlet is a more formidable rival not only for the European superminis but the Nissan Micra. I was unable to take figures; the makers claim a maximum of 97 mph, with 0-60 mph in just over 14 seconds.

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Again, in the B-flat minor Sonata, he seemed to proceed from the assumption that ours is no longer an age where Chopin needs to be "performed" in the sense in which "performance" includes "information." Some of it, indeed, was deliberately withheld: for instance, when the additional notes that distinguish the repeat of the cantabile theme from its first statement were played almost inaudibly.

And while the Trio of the Marche Funèbre was of a pure beauty, scorning all espressivo indulgence, in the finale the wind blew across the graveyard with gruesome speed all right, but so over-pedalled that no newcomer could have guessed the notes—chosen, after all, with such inspired ingenuity.

All wilfulness vanished with the advent of Schumann's Toccata, whose fleeting moments of lyricism were the more entrancing for being surrounded by mechanical nimbleness. There followed the climax of the recital, Prokofiev's Five Pieces from "Romeo and Juliet," as well as his Third Sonata. Pogorelich's profound sympathy with that composer's poker-faced poetics inspired landscapes of tone painting that is the preserve of that mysterious instrument, if touched by magical fingers.

Peter Stadlen

Fires of London burn low

THE judge from the meagre audience present for their concert at the **Queen Elizabeth Hall** on Monday night, the Fires of London seemed to be burning rather low these days. Or perhaps enthusiasts of their founding father, Peter Maxwell Davies, had already made off for Manchester where his Third Symphony had its premiere last night.

As usual his music was prominent in the programme. One work, the brief, gently tonal "Lullabye for Lucy" was having its first London performance. Written to mark the first birth of a child in Rackwick, Hay (where the composer lives), for 32 years it is a sweetly mellifluous piece repeating twice the pleasingly celebratory text by George Mackay Brown. It was beautifully sung by the Music Ensemble Chorus.

In a sense the "Tenebrae super Gesualdo" was also new, as for the first time the motet that is its inspiration formed the interludes between Maxwell Davies's instrumental commentaries on it, and the complete motet was given at the end. This procedure happily emphasised the rapport between the original and the music it spawned.

Two of the composer's shorter pieces, imaginative rearrangements of Purcell, framed the concert, which also included the premier of Richard Emsley's ". . . from swerve of shore to bend of bay . . ." a somewhat desultory, static piece, inspired by James Joyce, which attempts one of those intellectual exercises that may look better on paper than they sound in practice. Howard Williams conducted this precious music, as everything else in the programme, with acute understanding.

The evening's most substantial music was Elliott Carter's "Night Fantasies." The work's complex, dense writing, immensely difficult to perform, offered no problems to Stephen Truslin, who matched the score's unrelenting concentration with his own.

Alan Blyth

Amsterdam Philharmonic, Handley

THE Amsterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, at present touring Great Britain, appeared at the ***Festival Hall*** last night in a programme of romantic symphonic music under the direction of Vernon Handley, a conductor with whom they have a close relationship.

It took the orchestra a little time to get into its stride, and there were moments of untidy rhythm in their performance of Wagner's overture, "The Mastersingers," in spite of a general vigour of expression, as well as some suspect intonations.

Warmer and more precise playing prevailed in Dvorak's Cello Concerto, and here they were in support of an exceptional interpretation of the solo part by Moray Welsh, a big-boned performance of powerful, physical and emotional presence, which stretched, relaxed and tightened, so to speak, with the naturalness of a living organism.

Mr Welsh's sonorous tone made possible the boldest rhetorical statements and the concerto's exquisite intimacies, like the train of afterthoughts in the finale's coda, occasioned by the death of the composer's first love, were delivered with a touching poetic honesty. Altogether the reading of freshness in thought and feeling.

The peak of the evening as far as the orchestra was concerned, was reached after the interval with a very fine performance of Rachmaninov's "Symphonic Dances." Mr Handley's rhythmically buoyant tempos and easily breathing sense of phrase and architecture drew much more distinguished playing—the strings especially memorable for their vibrant sonority.

Anthony Payne

JAZZ / Pepper Adams

RECORD COMPANY moguls never seem to be aware of some of the best music in jazz or when it's actually being played. **The Bull's Head at Barnes** was just such a case on Monday night when that superb American baritone saxophone player, Pepper Adams, took the stage with the British alto saxophonist, Peter King—two men whose disparate styles interlocked with the accuracy of pieces in a jigsaw puzzle.

What a pity it wasn't all recorded, for Adams, whose track record has long been established—a Blue Note veteran if there ever was one—is unlikely to find a more sympathetic stable mate than the mercurial King whose alto provided the soaring foil to Adams's rather lugubrious, earthy tones.

Indeed, King was particularly impressive during "How Deep is the Ocean" when he suddenly took off at finger-breaking speed, launching himself into chorus after chorus of stratospheric playing with Tony Lee's trio careering in hot pursuit.

"Barbados" was an equally heady opportunity to show off highly polished techniques. Adams is, of course, never short of ideas although it must be admitted that the baritone's appeal palls somewhat after a time. The instrument simply doesn't have the thrilling register that the alto saxophone has.

But that is not to gainsay Adams's undoubted skill as both improviser and ideas man and how could he fail anyway with a rhythm section with the latent power of Tony Lee, piano; Spike Heatley, bass, and Bobby Orr on drums to propel him along. But as I say, where were the recording moguls?

Anthony Hopkins

Some notices appeared in yesterday's late editions.

Pip Donaghy in "The Garden of England" at the Shaw Theatre.

THEATRE / 7·84 Garden of England

"THE Garden of England" at the Shaw claims to tell "a true story" of the miners' strike. It does nothing of the kind, being simply a cheerful, ramshackle series of sketches and songs aimed bluntly at encouraging sympathy for the strikers while expressing a goodhearted English contempt for all enemies and opponents.

Four friends are spending the evening in Ted's (Pip Donaghy) soup-kitchen in the heart of a Kent mining community. Cheeky young Noddy (Derek Thompson) runs the picket line, and thinks his job more important than Ted's, for all his claim to serve 400 meals a day to colliers and their families.

The pair came to blows, but soon join the others in a lusty song "We're the union's flying pickets" (piano, Andy Smith). Nothing much happens then until the end, when police menace the party from outside and they have to muster all their courage before daring to walk peaceably home.

Directed by John Burrows, the production is by John McGrath's well-known 7:84 company, a group who always put across controversial Left-wing views with an admirable conviction combined with a relaxed sense of fun. If Mr Scargill's name was mentioned during the show, I missed it. In fact, the anger and bitterness of many strikers is kept rather too carefully in the background. But the author, Peter Cox, is not out to argue or inflame, only to give some idea of how the dispute has changed peaceful citizens into organised rebels against the forces of law and order.

Photographs showing the Kent countryside and violent encounters on the picket-lines are projected on three screens behind the actors. Strong emphasis is put on the miners' wives who complain they "can't get near the scabs to talk to them, that's where the frustration comes in."

The show does not conceal that some of the men enjoy driving round the country in support of their comrades, and will dread going back to the pits. The best song comes from Eve Bland, about the eerie silence of the surface machinery when the men are not working below.

Some of the material is dreary, such as a long newspaper cutting used to compare Victorian conditions with today's, or the feeble sketch when Miss Bland pretends to be a copper inviting pickets to use polite language. But as a whole the revue gives an unexaggerated picture of dogged, cheerful endurance of a bad time when, as during the war, exceptional hardship bred a stoical camaraderie.

John Barber

ROCK / Phil Collins—after Genesis

THE PHIL Collins solo career proceeds apace while his role as leader of the lumbering Genesis seems to fade into the background. Playing under his own name, as he is for a full six nights at the Albert Hall this week, seems to be more enjoyable for him and is certainly a more dynamic affair.

The difference is the emphasis on sentimental, straight pop songs and Motown and soul pastiches which form the main part of Collins's solo act. Indeed Collins's reverence for soul music seems to have brought about much of his present tremendous success—soul for those who like it played by white men and dilute.

On this occasion, though, Collins had enlisted himself some of the real thing — the four pink-suited, energetic Phoenix Horns, brass section to the masters of large-group soul and funk, Earth, Wind and Fire. And the Phoenix Horns competed manfully as Collins ranged between pop ballad and full-scale swirling pomp rock complete with programmed sound effects, occasionally drowning them altogether.

Supplemented by guitar, bass and a further drummer, Collins made his way from centre stage microphone to a spell on keyboards and the odd attempt to bash hell out of his original instrument, the drums.

The audience, many of whom had not taken the advice of the title of the tour—called No Jacket Required to mark the release of Collins's third solo LP—loved it all. "Sussudio" got a strong response as did the brittle, personal "In the Air Tonight." Perhaps the highest point though came for "Can't Hurry Love" the Supremes song, and two songs written by Curtis Mayfield for the Impressions, "People Get Ready" (seemingly covered by everyone these days) and "It's All Right." Bet the Impressions wish they were making this kind of money.

Charles Clover

TELEVISION / What was the name?

LATER THIS YEAR Granada's "Coronation Street" will reach its 25th birthday. If the BBC imitation proves as durable some of the characters introduced last night will still be pottering about Albert Square, London, E.20, and being paid inflation resistant salaries, in the year 2010. This is small comfort to the unluckiest member of Equity, the man who was cast to play Reg Cox.

Poor old Reg was written out of the first episode of **EastEnders** (B B C-1), before he had uttered his first line. He was found unconscious and mortally ill immediately after the opening credit titles and was then conveyed out of camera range by ambulance. To be recalled through the rest of Gerry Huxham's script as a thoroughly unlikeable man.

As if to add insult to foul play there is no mention of the unknown actor either in Radio Times or the monumental thickness of publicity material for the "long-awaited" twice-weekly serial. In all the feverish months of preparation it seems there was no time to ask his name.

There was a moment of concern the previous evening when the opener of the long-threatened thrice-weekly **Wogan** (B B C-1) chat show promoted "EastEnders" above even Elton John's latest single and "Dallas." But despite his caring expression and his team of researchers Terry was unable to arrive at a positive identification. The only clue is that Reg may be one of the travelling people, moving about the various soap operas as a habitual corpse.

"He has done this for them before," said Wendy Richard, introduced to Wogan's ecstatic Shepherd's Bush audience as "one of the stars" of "EastEnders." She did not know who he was but she had kept her ears open and "I heard him talking about how he was found before." Usually in a pool of tomato ketchup and an outburst of recrimination no doubt. Poor old Reg.

The serial is built round 23 regulars, multi-racial inheritors of the "Coronation Str . . ." FR, that is the Cockney tradition, denizens of a decaying inner-city area. The Rovers Ret . . . sorry, the Queen Victoria public house is the social centre and here, if we are lucky, we may hear that "my old man liked a drop of the old Vera Lynn" and other jewels of the local rhyming slang.

If this "vibrant, proud and sharply funny" lot are not instantly lovable, rather the contrary, we may be sure they will soften with the passing scripts. None more so than Ena Sharpl . . . I mean Lou Beale, the "Gran" of the Beales, who looks back fondly at the East End of the past and is presently furious because her cheerful daughter and unemployed son-in-law are expecting a baby.

As year-round, twice-weekly "soap operas" go, this is the quality. Though it is the East End recreated at Elstree Studios, it looks right in general and in detail. The characters row as though they mean it. There is a catchy theme tune. Opening director Matthew Robinson ensures that everybody knows what they are doing—that is, building Michael Grade a sorely needed ratings success.

The rest will have to be in brief. Simon Moore's **Inside Out** (B B C-2) continued on its hybrid way, a kind of mid-atlantic sit-com soap opera, with Lou's team of ex-prisoners catering at a posh wedding reception. Faintly touching and faintly amusing. Barry Davies succeeded to the presenters' chair of Maestro (B B C-2) and opened his innings in sunny manner with the cricketing feats of Sir Garfield Sobers.

Part II of Granada's Television (ITV) gave a potted history of the early days almost as breathless as the impressionistic opener last week. Leslie Woodhead's compilation kept insisting that the pioneers were engaged in a race to be first. This made it the more frustrating that he could not sort out clear winners: He obviously had enough good material, from the early Baird pictures to the Nazi television service in occupied Paris, for 10 programmes.

Sean Day-Lewis

BALLET / Tudor fete in Paris

ALL CREDIT to Rudolf Nureyev, now director of the Paris Opera Ballet, for staging one of the most remarkable ballet festivals of this century: "Hommage à Antony Tudor."

Nureyev had longed to stage this all-Tudor programme from the moment he took over the great old French company. Fortunately he and Tudor are good friends, liking and respecting each other, and although Tudor at first had misgivings about the festival—knowing that his ballets were almost unknown in France, even though well-known elsewhere—Nureyev finally won his approval for a festival of 12 successive performances at the Salle Favart (previously known as the Opera Comique). Together they devised a splendid programme of four masterpieces, each totally different in theme and style, but each showing Tudor's unique musicality and flair for strong expression through highly original dance-images and understatement.

The first night audience was somewhat baffled by the extreme originality of the ballets, so different from anything they had seen before, but Tudor has been deeply influenced by French culture—above all by Proust—and the spectators took to their hearts his very French ballet, "Jardin Aux Lilas," with its moonlit garden party in which a bride, forced into a marriage of convenience, tries to say farewell to her passionate lover, and her cold-hearted bridegroom rejects the attempts of his mistress to induce him to preserve her status, notwithstanding the marriage.

Much helped by the producer Sallie Wilson, working in collaboration with Airi Hynninen, young Yannick Stephant projects admirably the romantic despair of the bride, Caroline, and young Karin Averty, as the cast-off mistress, is no less moving as the unromantic but desperate mistress. This production, in spite of its extreme condensation and complexity of structure—it lasts only 17 minutes, making very subtle use of Chausson's "Poème" for violin and orchestra—is almost flawless.

No less perfect in its own way is "Continuo," one of Tudor's rare forays into abstract music interpretation. The producer Airi Hynninen, trained at the Julliard School in New York, is very familiar with this ballet, created by Tudor as a farewell present to Juilliard, and it is performed with airy lightness and lyricism by six carefully chosen soloists. They make Tudor's very complex choreography counterpoint (set to Pachelbel's famous "Canon") look natural and easy.

"Dark Elegies" represents a landmark in the history of ballet. Indeed, it may claim to be the most challenging of all extant ballets because of its strange, ritualistic style, its intensely original and expressive dance-images, and its marvellously fluid use of Mahler's song-cycle "Kindertotenlieder." When staged by Airi Hynnienen for the Royal Ballet it was a disastrous failure, but Sallie Wilson knows it perfectly—she danced the first solo over a period of 31 years—and the Paris production is masterly.

Almost all the solo roles are well cast, and the artists—including the group dancers—show promise of developing a fine understanding of the austere dance-images, remote from classroom steps. Karin Averty is properly stoical in the first song, Wilfride Piollet, sensitively partnered by Jean Guizerix, looks both stern and helpless in the pas de deux. Olivier Patey brings out well the "buttoned-up" quality of the solo in the third song Isabelle Guérin rises magnificently to the challenge of the very complex solo in the fourth song (though hampered on the opening night by the excessively fast tempo used by the conductor Michael Cals), and all these artists make their movements sing.

Also, the production gains much from the use of the original designs for decors and costumes by Nadia Benois, but the programme details need to be set out in such a way that spectators can make out which artist dances the solo in each song.

"Shadowplay," though staged impeccably by the choreologist June Siddall and the Royal Ballets' balletmaster Christopher Newton, fails to stand comparison with the Royal Ballet's magical production with Anthony Dowell, Merle Park and Derek Rencher taking the leading roles they created for Tudor in 1967. The Paris production also suffers from the unmysterious lighting of John B. Read. Indeed much work needs to be done on the Paris production to bring it up to the high standard of the other three.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
Feb. 19.

The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, this morning chaired a meeting with the General Council of British Shipping at Trinity House, London, EC3.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince Andrew.

CLARENCE HOUSE Feb. 19.

Lady Jean Rankin has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE.
Feb. 19.

The Prince of Wales today visited British Steel Corporation (Industry) Ltd. operational areas in North West England.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales visited the City of Derby today.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R.N. were in attendance.

Their Royal Highnesses returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE. Feb. 19.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Leukaemia Research Fund, today met the Fund's Marathon Team in Green Park.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales will attend a buffet luncheon given by the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf at Fishmongers' Hall on March 27.

Princess Anne will have luncheon with the President and members of the Metropolitan Police "C" District Senior Officers' Luncheon Club at their annual ladies luncheon at New Scotland Yard on April 22.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the centenary celebration of the Hospital Officers' Club in the Great Hall, St Bartholomew's Hospital, on March 21.

A memorial service for Prof. G. H. N. Seton-Watson will be held at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, on Tuesday, March 19, at 3.30 p.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Mr Cecil King is 84 today; the Rt Rev. George Appleton is 83; and Mr Jimmy Greaves 45.

Wedding

Mr P. C. A. Sherwin and Mrs G. A. Pyke

The marriage took place quietly on Feb. 19, in Launceston, between Mr Peter C. A. Sherwin, eldest son of Mrs Rose Sherwin and the late Mr Charles H. S. Sherwin, and Mrs Gabrielle A. Pyke (née Gorna), youngest daughter of Mrs Muriel T. Gorna and the late Mr John C. Gorna.

DINNER

Lord Crawshaw and Lord Elton

Lord Crawshaw and Lord Elton were hosts at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Millbank Club held at the House of Lords last night. Members of Her Majesty's Government and of both Houses of Parliament attended a reception before the dinner and were received by Mr John Cope, M.P., President of the Club, and Mr Martin Suthers, Chairman. The principal guests were Mr John Biffen, M.P., and Sir William Clark, M.P.

ETON COLLEGE

The following have been elected to Music Scholarships at Eton College:

David Walter Goode, Wells Cathedral School; Daniel Attilio Flackett, Yarlet Hall, Stafford; John Gull, King's College School, Cambridge; Charles Rupert Walmisley Harris, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; Edmond Jaroslav Mordechai Schreirer, Edge Grove, Aldenham.

Honorary Music Exhibition: Matthew David Jameson Evans, Exeter Cathedral School.

REPTON SCHOOL

The following awards have been made by Repton School after the Music Scholarship Examination, 1985:

JUNIORS

Scholarships: A. J. Smith, Lichfield Cathedral School; J. E. Elliot-Newman, York Minster Song School; T. P. Dawson, York Minster Song School; A. R. Grater, Cundall Manor, Helperby, Yorks; N. Hadwen, Repton Preparatory School.

Exhibition: A. J. A. Prentice, The Chorister School, Durham.

SENIORS

Scholarships: Alison James, School of S Mary and S Anne, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley; Alison Hayhurst, Thomas Allynes School, Uttoxeter.

BRIDGE FOURSOMES

D. G. W. Price's bridge team won the Provost Cup, principal event of the Woolwich Building Society Spring Foursomes, Southern section, at Brighton, beating D. Parry's team in the final.

Teams: D. G. W. Price, C. Duckworth, Dr J. R. A. Butland, J. L. Reardon; D. Parry, R. Hyde, S. Townsend, S. Preston.

In the semi-finals Parry beat T. Ward (C. Thame, N. Cross, C. Shisnall, M. Clack, I. Morris) and Price beat D. Stanford (K. Woodward, G. Allan, T. Willis, M. Carrington).

HAMILTON CUP (Swiss Teams): 1, R. Frink, R. A. Priday, C. Simpson, N. Selway 171½; 2, J. A. N. Swanson, G. A. Hart, P. A. Shawdon, A. Cordery 170½.

PUNCH BOWL: 1, D. A. L. Burn, R. J. Fleet, P. A. Jackson, D. Durmus, R. O'Reilly, K. Lovess; 2, R. J. Rowlands, V. Martin, J. C. Gallacher, P. Cardiff.

In the Northern section, played in Leeds, D. M. Graham's team beat M. Allen's team.

Teams: D. M. Graham, B. J. Rigal, M. Franklin, D. Czerniewski; M. Allen, R. Bryant, B. P. Topley, D. N. Collins.

In the semi-finals Graham beat D. J. Banks (S. Edison, W. J. Holland, B. Ewart) and Allen beat R. Bentley (P. A. Bowyer, M. Ferguson, J. Helmer).

DONCASTER TROPHY (Swiss Teams): M. N. Alres, M. Arrand, J. J. Fawcett, G. R. Usk.

PUNCH BOWL: H. Cohen, B. Shapiro, B. L. Teltscher, L. Tarlo, I. P. Gordon, D. J. Greenwood.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr A. R. A. Wolstenholme and Miss K. J. Garnier

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. A. Wolstenholme, of FitzGeorge Avenue, London, W.14, and Katharine, daughter of Col W. d'A. and the Hon. Mrs Garnier, of Thompson, Thetford, Norfolk.

Lt-Cdr J. W. Gardiner, R.N., and Miss B. J. Pickard

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr Arthur Gardiner and of Mrs Margaret Gardiner, of Brentwood, Essex, and Belinda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pickard, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Capt. C. F. Dyer and Miss H. M. Warburton

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Dyer, of Fleet, Hants., and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Warburton, of Colchester, Essex.

Flt Lt S. D. Forward and Miss A. S. J. McDonald

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. D. Forward, of Metherell, Cornwall, and Alison, elder daughter of Wing Cdr and Mrs J. E. McDonald, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. J. Wilkins and Miss C. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Flying Officer Stephen Wilkins, son of Mr and Mrs P. S. Wilkins, of Barrington, Cambridgeshire, and Ceinwen, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Hughes, of Gaerwen, Anglesey.

Mr J. C. I. Young and Miss A. H. Stewart-Wilson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Captain H. R. C. Young, R.N., and Mrs Young, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Alice, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Blair Stewart-Wilson, of Browning Close, London.

Mr D. G. Goodwin and Miss F. R. Wollen

The engagement is announced between George, son of Group Captain G. W. Goodwin, of Lightwater, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Diana Goodwin, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Wollen, of Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

Mr A. P. Nixseaman and Miss F. A. Macmillan

The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Dr and Mrs D. H. Nixseaman, of Alloway, Ayrshire, and Frances, only daughter of Mr S. Macmillan, of Edinburgh, and Mrs G. Tennant, of Drem, East Lothian.

Mr A. T. Bok and Miss G. O. Lister

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs John Fairfield Bok, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Gaye, daughter of Mr John Lister, of the U.S.A., and of Mrs Roessa Ormond Chiesman, of The Molders, Over Norton, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. Blausten and Miss M. Coen

The engagement is announced between Douglas, second son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Blausten, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Maxine, second daughter of Cavaliere del Lavoro Massimo and Mrs Thelma Coen, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr K. W. Tomlin and Miss S. J. Schiff

The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Tomlin, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and Suzanna, younger daughter of Mrs J. R. Schiff, of Headington, Oxford, and of Mr E. Schiff, of Palos Verdes, California.

Mr P. V. Allen and Miss C. A. Bowie

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs H. C. Allen, of Oxted, Surrey and Claire, daughter of Mr John Bowie, of Colebrook Park, Pembury, Kent, and Mrs James Douglas Robertson, of London.

Mr R. O'Brien and Miss A. Crowe

The engagement is announced between Raymond, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Brien, of Straffan, Co. Kildare, Eire, and Alison, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Stanley Crowe, of Palewell Park, East Sheen.

Mr R. J. Loup and Miss G. N. M. A. Nolan

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Michael Loup and Mrs Diana Loup, of London, and Geraldine, daughter of Mrs Mary Nolan and the late Dr William Nolan, of Cork and Manchester.

Mr J. P. Boothroyd and Miss R. A. Jones

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. Boothroyd, of Leamington Hastings, Warwickshire, and Alison, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. O. Jones, of Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Mr A. R. Davies and Miss A. J. Clough

The engagement is announced between Andrew Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs H. W. C. Davies, of Lymm, Cheshire, and Amanda Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Clough, of Backwell, Bristol.

Mr D. S. C. Godfrey and Miss E. J. Tarring

The engagement is announced between Dale, son of Mr C. Godfrey, of London, W.5, and Mrs Hitchen, of Carshalton, and Emma Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Tarring, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr S. P. D. Leach and Miss A. M. Hodson

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the late Mr Peter Leach and of Mrs Francis Chute, of Stedham, Midhurst, Sussex, and Mary, younger daughter of Mr Alan Hodson and Mrs Rita Hodson, of Richmond, Surrey.

LUNCHEONS

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Sir Peter Mills, M.P., and Mr Ted Garrett, M.P., were joint hosts at a luncheon given yesterday in the House of Commons by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of Mr John Bosley, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.

American Chamber of Commerce

Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, was guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at the Savoy by the American Chamber of Commerce. The President, Mr John Philipsborn, was in the chair.

SERVICE LUNCHEON

RASC and RCT Officers' Luncheon Club

The committee and members of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club yesterday entertained Mr Bill Cotton, Managing Director, Direct Broadcasting by Satellite, BBC at luncheon at Mark Masons' Hall. The chairman, Brig. D. N. Locke, presided. Major-Generals D. H. Braggins, P. Blunt and Sir Cecil Smith were present.

LECTURE

Society of Industrial Artists and Designers

Sir Hugh Casson delivered the 1985 Milner Gray Lecture, "The Arts and the Academies," yesterday evening at the Royal Institution of Great Britain and, with Lady Casson and other guests, was entertained afterwards at the Arts Club by the President of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers, Miss June Fraser.

RECEPTIONS

The Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill held a reception in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of the Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons and Mrs Bosley. The High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Jamieson were present. Other guests included the Lord Chancellor, Members of Parliament, and officers of both the Canadian and British Houses of Commons.

Esperanto Parliamentary Group

Mr John Fraser, M.P., was host at a reception of the Esperanto Parliamentary Group held yesterday at the House of Commons. Mrs Mary Austin, Chairman, Esperanto-Asocio de Britujo, and Mr Brian Barker, Organiser, Esperanto Lobby, were present.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr Hector Hillaby

A memorial service for Mr Hector Hillaby, late a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, was held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The service was conducted by the Preacher, the Rev. F. V. A. Boyse, and the lesson was read by the Treasurer, Mr Justice Warner. Those attending included members of the family, fellow Benchers, members of the Judiciary, barristers and friends.

TODAY'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN and Prince Philip visit the Industrial Society, 3 Carlton House Terrace, 3 p.m.

Prince Philip, President of The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference holds a Press Conference at St. James's Palace, 10; as President of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, chairs a meeting of the Committee at Buckingham Palace, 11.30; attends a lunch given by the Institute of Mining Electrical and Mining Mechanical Engineers at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, 12.45; attends the Greenlands Association National Dinner at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, 7.30 p.m.

Prince and Princess of Wales attend a concert given by Phil Collins in aid of The Prince of Wales' Charities Trust at the Royal Albert Hall, London, evening.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends a Reception to be given by the Family Service Units at 207, Marylebone Road, 6.30.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN and Prince Philip give Reception for winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technology, Buckingham Palace, 6.

Prince Philip attends Gold Standard Award Reception at St James's Palace, 11.30 and 4; as Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, presents MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace, 2.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opens Celia Johnson Theatre at St Paul's Girls' School.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: Paise Vanags, "Chinese ornament—the Greek connection," 11.30; Penelope Wallis, "Anglo-Saxon sculpture," 1.15.

National Gallery: Felicity Woolf, Style (15): Realism, 1.

St Giles, Cripplegate, Fore St, Barbican: Mark Uglow, organ, 1.10.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Heriot-Watt University has announced the appointment of Dr Colin Davidson, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and currently Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, to a new Chair in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

The University of London has announced the following appointments:

The title of Professor of Early Modern History at Bedford College has been conferred upon Dr Nicola Sutherland, Reader in Modern History, from Nov. 1, 1984.

Dr Rupert Risdon, currently Reader in Morbid Anatomy at the London Hospital Medical College, has been appointed to the Chair of Histopathology at the Institute of Child Health from Oct. 1, 1985.

Professor Ronald Hinchcliffe, currently Professor of Audiological Medicine and the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, has been appointed to the Chair of Audiological Medicine at the Institute from Jan. 1, 1985.

Professor John Mullin, currently Professor of Chemical Engineering at University College London, has been appointed to the Ramsay Memorial Chair of Chemical Engineering at University College London from Oct. 1, 1985.

Sir John Rigby Hale, Professor of Italian at University College, has been appointed to the Chair of Italian History at University College, London, from Jan. 1, 1985.

Latest Wills

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ACLAND, Lady, Pimlico, wife of Sir Antony Acland, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office	£105,454
CHALK, Mrs Wilfred L., Chelmsford, Essex	290,196
CORSER, D. P., Clacton on Sea, Essex	566,491
DAVIES, W. F., Branksome Park, Dorset	946,975
GALTON, Dr Cecilia, Hampstead	209,290
GILBERY, Mrs Adrienne, Hampstead	461,027
NALSON, L. G., Stamford, Lincs	275,696
PREHN, V. R., Wokingham, Berks	436,720
RAMSAY, Miss Dorothy C., Canterbury	296,408
UNDERHILL, C. C., Canterbury	249,800
YORKE, Mrs Anne M., Steyning, West Sussex	494,318

Navy scholarships

THE following have been successful in the 1984 Royal Navy - Marines Scholarship and Reserved Places competition.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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WAY OF THE WORLD

Health Education

ONE of the most appalling quangos still unaccountably spared by the Conservative Government is the Health Education Council, appalling because it is in a position to do actual harm rather than just emit gaseous verbiage (though it does that as well).

The Responsible Society, a body which does much good in countering the propaganda of the "family planning" industry and the sex industry in general, has produced a video film called "Talking About Love" which emphasises love, romance and the emotional and physical results of early promiscuity.

It is a simple tale of two schoolgirls, one of whom resists the pressure to sleep around and eventually has a traditional "white wedding" to a young man she loves, while the other sleeps around, has an abortion and comes to regret her previous attitude.

You would think no sensible person would object to this fine example of health educational propaganda. But when the Responsible Society asked the Health Education Council for a grant, it raised objections. It agreed to provide a grant if certain scenes, including the church wedding, were removed. The Responsible Society rightly refused to accept a grant involving this kind of censorship.

The Health Education Council wanted them to remove not only the church wedding but also references to the failure rate of the Pill among young girls and the bad emotional effects of premature sex experience. The script, said the Council, risked "putting children off caring sexuality."

Heaven keep children from the Health Education Council's idea of "caring sexuality"! That jargon-word "caring" is an infallible indicator that there is deception lurking somewhere not far off. "Sexuality" is another. In combination they are very unhealthy indeed.

Clive: Fury Flares

By way of the world reporter.

A NEW sense of dread, insidious, paralysing, chilling and extremely worrying, has seized on the borough that is Nerdley today. Rumour the hundred-eyed stalks the wintry streets. Hideous faces seem to peer from every corner and can even be glimpsed beneath the ice of frozen swimming pools and luxurious jacuzzis.

The reason? The reported inauguration among a group of dissident housewives, mostly "breakaways" from the dreaded Our Auntie Garoufalidis Fan Club, of an Our Clive Ponting Fan Club, which will bid fair to become a dangerous "joker-in-the-pack" in the seething cauldron of fear that is Nerdley today.

Wearily fan-club supremo Supt J. B. Harrogate, 42, addressed a hastily summoned Press conference in a hastily erected tent outside his 24-hour, round-the-clock Ops Room, where his hand-picked team manned dizzily flashing electronic wall-maps and advanced scanning equipment.

Inside the tent sniffer dogs strained at the leash, adding an extra dimension of discomfort and urgency to the crisis situation. One dog, Labrador Ruby, 5, which claimed to have discovered "certain substances" on the person of one pressman, had to be dragged away when the Superintendent declared this "irrelevant at this moment in time."

"I'll be frank with you," he said, dishonestly. "This new development has caught us well and truly on the wrong foot. On the face of it, Mr Ponting, 38, seems the last man in the world to attract the stop-at-nothing women that are the raw material for Nerdley fan clubs today.

"But it takes only a single match to ignite the powder keg of violence that is the fan club scene. According to our undercover agents"—he blushed slightly—"there is a rumour that Mr Ponting once met Mrs A. Drones, 49, head of the Anti-Our Christina Fan Club, at a holiday camp, possibly at Bridlington, and had 'certain discussions' about the Belgrano affair.

"Personally," he went on, "I don't believe a word of it. But what does that matter? These women will form fan clubs at the drop of a match. Anything will do. It is their nature. And we are left to pick up the pieces," he added, at a distant rumbling, followed by the sound of crackling flames, lent force to his words.

"Purple alert!" he shouted, as the tent collapsed in a mêlée of pressmen, sniffer dogs and portable word-processors. "One thing is for sure," he said imperturbably. "If there is an Our Clive Fan Club, can an anti-Our Clive Fan Club be far behind? After that, the deluge!" he stated after a pause.

Strike News

THE situation in the small "privatised" Soup Hales coalfield, which was declared "geologically exhausted" five years ago, is still confused, with conflicting claims from the NCB and the NUM.

Stan Underblow, 51, a dedicated miner, still working there single-handed in the only remaining pit, though he brings up very little coal, if coal it can be called, to the surface. Yesterday, when he decided to take a day off to attend a cough-lozenge tasting at the Miners' Institute in Subsidence Road, the area NUM, Mr Reg Underblow, 96, Stan's father, announced triumphantly that the Soup Hales coalfield was "solid" and described this as a "body blow" to Mrs Thatcher and "a slap in the face" for Mr McGregor.

But the NCB announced that there were 340 "new faces" at the pit, a "heartening sign that the magic 50 per cent. of working miners will soon be reached."

What is the reason for this apparent, indeed actual discrepancy? Stan, interviewed at the Institute, streaming with tears and gasping for breath after tasting a "New Grippo" Extra Strong Lozenge, threatened: "If I find any new faces at the pit tomorrow I don't know what I shall do. I don't really. But as a typical close-knit mining community I shall have something to say, I can tell you".

The general belief in this little-known coalfield is that the "340 new faces" are people who have nothing to do with coalmining at all, but have gone down the mine for a bit of cheap publicity. But some elderly ex-miners think they may be kobolds or "knockers of the mine", dwarfish creatures who are believed in the old days to lurk in remote seams, indicating by sinister knocking sounds that it was time for a new 25 per cent. pay claim.

Thinking Point

WALK softly and carry a small twig — Ralph Waldo Emerson Jr.

Peter Simple

WEST END 'RIP OFF' WARNING

By DAVID GRAVES

SKY-HIGH prices will now be charged for successful West End shows after a ruling by the Restrictive Practices Court, a leading ticket agency claimed last night.

Mr Paul Burns, managing director of Keith Prowse ticket agency, said: "Tourists will now be ripped off in a grand manner and organised crime will most likely get involved."

The Office of Fair Trading, which sought the court ruling on Monday which cleared the way for a free and uncontrolled market for theatre tickets in the West End, said that the price of tickets for unsuccessful productions could now be dramatically reduced.

But Mr Burns and some theatre producers said the move would lead to the introduction of the New York style "scalper" agencies charging highly inflated prices for hit shows.

Organised crime

Mr Burns said: "The situation got so bad in New York where organised crime moved in that the State of New York introduced legislation to limit the price of tickets, which forced the scalpers to New Jersey.

"Now there is no regulation whatsoever in London the rip-off agencies will continue to come out of the wood charging sky-high prices which will give everybody a bad name."

In its ruling the court outlawed agreed levels of discounting and booking charges between the Society of West End Theatre, which covers most West End theatre managements, and bona-fide ticket agencies.

Under the agreement — regarded as a "code of practice" within the theatre industry dating back to 1945—theatre managers could give agencies an average maximum four-per-cent discount.

The agencies could charge a booking fee to the public according to an agreed scale which related to the price of the ticket. But the court ruled the agreement was against the public interest and had to be outlawed.

Freedom for managers

The result, according to the Office of Fair Trading, would give theatre managers a commercial freedom they previously did not enjoy which meant tickets for unsuccessful productions could now be slashed to attract bigger audiences.

But Mr Burns said that theatre managers had always had the freedom to charge reduced prices or tickets could be sold at a 50-per-cent. discount at the Leicester Square ticket bureau.

"As a result of the ruling there are no regulations governing ticket prices in London at all now. This means back-street ticket agencies can spring up and charge what they like."

Ticket prices for hit shows — normally costing £15·50 — will now be sold for as £40, he said.

Primula from Himalayas wins gold

By FRED WHITSEY

HIGH Alpine primulas that in their native Himalayas lie for months under snow but prove defiant in cultivation have won a gold medal for the Edrom nursery firm, Berwick, at the first Westminster flower show of the year, which remains open until 5 p.m. today.

They are primulas of the petiolaris type whose lilac flower heads hug the silvery leaf rosettes. They have been set out in a miniature hillside scene of exceptional realism.

Contrasted with them in the show are named primroses of bright colouring from M. & R. Plants and a large flowered strain also vivid in their many red shades from Rougham Hall.

There are similar contrasts in the many bulbous flowers on show. They range from florists' narcissi like the double white scented Bridal Crown from Jefferson Brown, forced in artificial heat, to the first crocuses from Avon, and the winter hardy cyclamen in selected forms from Broadleigh.

Siberia daphne

A yellow daphne, the kamtschaticum species, from Siberia, excited connoisseurs yesterday when put on show by Starborough, and there was admiration too for an early flowering currant Ribes praecox from Burncoose and Southdown.

Sherrards are featuring willows woth growing for their coloured stems and 'palm" and Four Seasons have an interesting beech in a slender grower with puckered leaves called Cockleshell.

The pine whose leaves turn golden in winter, Pinus sylvestris aurea, comes from Robinsons, and Hilliers are featuring pittosporums with vaiegated foliage. Also for conservatories are a collection of mimosas from Hollington.

Highest accolade

A cool glasshouse plant, Camellia tsaii, with many small white flowers that are strongly scented, shown by Dr J. A. Smart from his garden near Barnstaple, has won Devon, a first class certificate.

The rare white Sternbergia candida won an award of merit when shown by Mrs K. Dryden, the alpine plant expert of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, who was yesterday invested with the Royal Horticultural Society's highest accoade, the Victoria Medal of Honour.

The medal was also awarded to Mr Louis Russell, a nurseryman of Sunningdale, Berkshire, at the society's annual meeting.

NATIONAL TRUST'S 90th BIRTHDAY

By Our Estates Correspondent

The National Trust celebrated its 90th birthday yesterday with tree-planting ceremonies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In London Mr Angus Stirling, the trust's director-general planted a five-year-old oak in the garden of their headquarters overlooking St James' Park.

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Obituary

Sir SHULDHAM REDFERN

Sir (Arthur) Shuldham Redfern who has died aged 89, followed service with the Royal Flying Corps and the RAF in the 1914-18 War by political activities in the Sudan. There he was assistant district commissioner in the provinces of Khartoum, Darfur and the Blue Nile Province 1927, assistant civil secretary at Khartoum 1929, Commissioner of Port Sudan 1932 and Governor of Kassala Province 1934.

For 10 years from 1935 he was secretary to the Governor-General of Canada. He was knighted by King George VI on the Royal Train from Truro to Halifax; and was attached to the King during part of the Royal tour of Quebec and Ottawa in 1939. He was appointed a KCVO in 1939 and a CMG in 1945.

When the Earl of Athlone succeeded Lord Tweedsmuir as Governor-General, Sir Shuldham retained his secretarial position. From 1947 to 1951 he was director of the Commonwealth Department of the British Council. Since 1982 he had been president of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society.

SEAMUS SWEETMAN

Seamus George Sweetman who has died aged 70, was vice-chairman of Unilever from 1974 to 1978 and a director from 1961. He joined as a management trainee in 1936 after education at Beaumont and St John's College, Cambridge.

In the 1939-45 War he served with the Suffolk Regt and the Buffs with whom he served in Italy before joining the General Staff. He was deputy secretary to Field Marshal Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, and later to Gen. Sir William Morgan, and was awarded the MBE in 1945.

From 1977 to 1979 he was deputy chairman of the Price Commission and from 1975 a director of the Commonwealth Development Finance Co.

COLIN MacDOUGALL

Deputy Commander Colin MacDougall who has died aged 78, was head of CID units at Scotland Yard from 1960 until he retired in 1966.

He joined the police in 1925 and served in various divisions including the fraud squad and was at one time chief superintendent of the murder squad. He investigated several famous murders including the murder in Germany of Sgt Reginald Watters of which a fellow sergeant, Emmett-Dunne, was found guilty. He was appointed an OBE in 1966.

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FOR I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Romans XII, v. 3.

ANNE.—I Love You.—Tony.

B.O. V. L.B.—Darling precious one thank you for being a wonderful lover. I.L.U.—M.

D.J.—Thank you. Love M. XXX.

XOD.—Truly exquisite.—J.T.

YENTL.—Missing you so very much. see you on Friday.—Love Paul XXXX.

HEAL. — Well post valentine Grieor apologises.—RGRRS.

W.W.—T. U. 4 msge. 14th. B'day today. Till yrs.—KATE.

ANDREW.—Happy 21st Love.—P.

J.B.—Happy 80th Birthday. Fondest love from.—L.T.S.T.

S.R.J.—Grateful thanks. Please continue.—B.L.S.

S.H.J AND ST JUDE—Thank you.—R.

GRATEFUL THANKS. — B.V.M., St Jude, Saints, prayers answered.—D.M.T.

THANK YOU St Jude.—M.T.S.

ALGAR, CECIL JOHN ALGAR, late of Severalls Hospital, Colchester, Essex, died there on 31st January, 1984. (Estate about £2,300.)

BELCHER, HERBERT HENRY BELCHER, late of 35, Benson Road, Oxford, died in Oxford on 19th April, 1984. (Estate about £38,000.)

CHIAPPONI, LINA MARIA CHIAPPONI otherwise LENA CHIAPPONI otherwise LENA CHIAPPONI, SPINSTER, late of 4, Ian Hamilton House, 40, Doric Way, Camden, London NW1, died there on 16th July, 1984. (Estate about £4,690.)

CLARK née SADLER, ADA CLARK née SADLER, WIDOW, late of 156, Caroline Gardens, Asylum Road, Peckham, London, SE15, died at East Dulwich, London, SE22 on 22nd September, 1983. (Estate about £1,600.)

DAVIES, ELLA FLORENCE DAVIES otherwise ELLA FRANCES DAVIES, SPINSTER, late of Craddock Lodge, Craddock, Cullompton, Devon, died at Tiverton, Devon on 6th January, 1984. (Estate about £1,750.)

GORMAN, PATRICIA ROSE MARY GORMAN otherwise PATRICIA GORMAN, SPINSTER, late of Leavesden Hospital, Abbots Langley, Watford, Hertfordshire, died there on 18th June, 1984. (Estate about £5,000.)

HADDOW, ROBERT CAMERON HADDOW, late of 170, King George V Drive, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, died at Cardiff on or about 20th November, 1984. (Estate about £120,000.)

HODGES, HENRY EDWARD HODGES, late of Margaret House, Barley, Hertfordshire, died there on 1st March, 1983. (Estate about £51,750.)

IWASKIEWICZ otherwise BROWN, TADEUSZ IWASKIEWICZ otherwise EDWARD BROWN, late of 36, Hugh Street, Westminster, London, SW1, died at Westminster on 12th January, 1983. (Estate about £5,500.)

JOHNSTON, otherwise JOHNSTONE, ROBERT JOHNSTON otherwise ROBERT JOHNSTONE, late of 757, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, died at Peterborough on 19th May, 1984. (Estate about £2,070.)

LESTER, JOHN WILLIAM LESTER otherwise JOHN LESTER, late of 58, Hewett Road, Dagenham, Essex, died at Romford, Essex, on 23rd December, 1983. (Estate about £3,200.)

LIMB, GEORGE HENRY LIMB, late of 56, Bangor Street, Chaddesden, Derby, died there on 26th March, 1984. (Estate about £6,500.)

PALMER, FREDERICK WILLIAM PALMER, late of Walsgrave Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry, West Midlands, died at Coventry on 25th February, 1985. (Estate about £2,000).

PARR, ARTHUR HENRY PARR, late of 5, Radbourne Road, Colwick Road, Nottingham, died in Nottingham on 26th February, 1984. (Estate about £4,500.)

RICHARDSON, MARY AGATHA RICHARDSON otherwise AGATHA MARY RICHARDSON otherwise MARY RICHARDSON, SPINSTER, late of Mountfield, Mülcroft, Norwich, Norfolk, died in Norwich on 4th February, 1984. (Estate about £1,700.)

WOOD, LESLIE IRVING WOOD otherwise LESLIE IRVINE WOOD, late of Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, died there on 29th December, 1983. (Estate about £32,800).

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● Left: apprentice Karen Lawrence helps Siddy Langley (on the right) make a large piece of glass at The London Glassblowing Workshop in Rotherhithe. Picture by PAUL ARMIGER.

● Right, top: Catherine Hough's "Vase, Scent Bottle and Paperweight," from The Glasshouse, Covent Garden, London WC2.

● Right, below: Siddy Langley's "Periwinkle Vase," made at The London Glassblowing Workshop, from a selection at Coleridge's shop in Piccadilly, London W1.

Blowing hot, to make their names in glass

BY ELIZABETH BENN

THE magical colours and sophisticated designs of British studio glass has drawn it to the attention of a growing number of collectors worldwide, and some of the most sought-after work is being made by women.

The studio glass movement is barely 15 years old in Britain. and it is only in the last couple of years that technical advances and increased skills have enabled artists to produce sufficient quantities of attractive work to make an impact on the market, via specialist galleries and a few department stores.

Considering the physical demands of glass-blowing, which is a hot, sweaty and nerve-racking occupation, it is surprising to discover that at least half the glass artists are women. A piece of decorative blown glass can take at least an hour to make; the artist working with a lump of red-hot, molten glass on the end of a long blowing rod that has to be taken back and forth, many times, between the furnace and the "chair," where it is blown, shaped and coloured.

The number of practising glass artists has only increased slowly due to the very high costs of running a furnace, which has to be kept going around the clock, and generally several people share one on a co-operative basis and use it in shifts.

Such an arrangement exists at The Glasshouse in Covent Garden, in London, where the movement began. There three well-known women artists, Catherine Hough, Fleur Tookey and Annette Meech work alongside three male colleagues.

Three other women have started workshops in different parts of the country. which all specialise in hand - made drinking glasses as well as one-off pieces: Pauline Solven at Cowdy Glassworkshop near Gloucester, Dillon Clarke at Midsummer Glassmakers in Cambridge, and Annicka Sandstrom at Lindean Mill Glass in Galashiels, Scotland.

Women also seem to be taking advantage of the degree courses in glass now being run by various art colleges, and when Coleridge, the specialist glass shop in London's Piccadilly, held a selected exhibition of graduate work last summer it included pieces by 20 women and 14 men.

So why does glass appeal to women as an artistic medium? Siddy Langley of The London Glassblowing Workshop in Rotherhithe has no hesitation: "It is a most seductive medium. I tried glass-making at a weekend course and became totally hooked. I couldn't even draw at school and never considered myself at all artistic until I started making glass. I still can't draw, my sketchbook is full of notes, my inspiration comes from the countryside and, being a sub-aqua freak, from the fantastic colours underwater, particularly fish in the Red Sea."

Siddy joined The London Glassblowing Workshop five years ago as apprentice to Peter Layton, who had done a great deal of pioneer work to revive the iridescent glass of the Art Nouveau period. A particularly brilliant blue is a speciality of the workshop and Siddy uses this colour for a "Periwinkle" pattern on vases, bowls and perfume bottles.

Endless patience is required to flatten small dots of molten, coloured glass on to the clear glass she is blowing to get each petal into shape. She is pleased if she makes four vases in a day.

Anna Dickinson, another leading artist who has served an apprenticeship to Peter Layton, is now at the Royal College of Art doing a post-graduate course. Her immensely fine work with coloured metals fused on glass sells for over £500 and has been collected by museums since she was a student at the Middlesex Polytechnic.

Adam Aaronson of Coleridge said that, as with other leading artists, he cannot get enough of her work to meet the demand as she only makes a few pieces at a time, each taking over a month to complete in order to colour the metals to her satisfaction.

The best place to see a wide selection of studio glass is Coleridge at 192 Piccadilly, London W1, where prices start at around £15 for a paperweight, the more special, larger, pieces being in the £150 to £350 bracket, rising to £2,000.

If collectors need an excuse for indulging in glass they can draw encouragement from the astonishingly high prices realised at a Sotheby's sale of post-war glass, last autumn, when an "Arum Lily" vase designed by Tapio Wirkkala and made by Iittala of Finland fetched £23,100, and another vase designed by Fulvio Bianconi for Venini of Italy made £27,500.

Dan Klein, the 20th-century decorative arts expert whose collection was sold, pointed out that this was not "studio glass" but glass made in factories to the designs of various artists.

The change from artists working in collaboration with factories to them learning to make their own pieces did not really happen until the 1960s, since when glass has, to my mind, become far more spontaneous and appealing.

Paying the price of college cuts

By Betty Yoklavich
IN WASHINGTON

BOTH students and colleges will suffer if the Reagan administration manages to cut education funding by 2 billion dollars as planned.

Without government funds, many students would be unable to finish their courses, or even to begin them, and the smaller colleges, already suffering from diminishing enrolment, would be faced with the financial loss.

Of America's 12 million undergraduates, 5·3 million receive grants or loans; 65 per cent. of graduate scholars working towards professional degrees take out the maximum 5,000 dollars government loan.

College costs have risen so high that it is almost impossible for the average middle-class family to send two children to university at the same time without some sort of financial help.

If parents cannot foot the huge bills, the students themselves face a burden of debt that some are unwilling to shoulder. For example, 89 per cent. of new doctors graduate with an average of 29,000 dollars in student loans.

In a recent poll, "being rich" was found to be one of the main aspirations of America's youth. Being rich quick seems to have even more appeal and some young middle-class Americans are now not so sure that as a doctor, lawyer or veterinarian they would get a worthwhile return on their investment in years of study.

Education administrators say that computer science and engineering are attracting many bright science graduates, as leading to quicker returns. The business world seems full of opportunity to a Bachelor of Arts.

Even the new Secretary of Education, Mr William Bennett, said it might not be a bad idea to give his own son 50,000 dollars to set up a business, if he asked for it, rather than spend the money for four years at Harvard.

Mr Bennett defends the planned financial cutbacks that would leave many students without assistance and suggests the young people cut back on stereos, cars and holidays. His remarks brought angry response from hard-pressed students and education leaders.

Faced with declining enrolment, some smaller American colleges are already having financial difficulties. To add to their woes, undergraduate education in America has been criticised both by The Association of American Colleges and by Mr Bennett.

The colleges respond by pointing out that if money, rather than ability, is to be the determining factor in who goes to college, there is likely to be a decline in standards.

TAKING SOME COLD COMFORT FOR AN OLD WINTER PROBLEM

By Dr K C Hutchin
Daily Telegraph Medical Consultant

EXCEPT for the very young, the old, or those with some other condition, you don't need medical expertise to treat the common cold.

In fact, it has been said that if you treat a cold yourself it may take as long as seven days to get better while if you go to a doctor you should recover in a week.

The best thing you can do with a cold is to keep it to yourself. It is definitely anti-social to take it into public places including work and rush-hour transport.

The common cold is due to a series of highly-infectious viruses for which there is no specific treatment, so DIY remedies are as likely to be effective as medical treatment. Although it causes a few days of misery, complications in normally fit people are rare, so you can safely cosset your cold in the privacy of your own home.

Many people catch cold because they are not clad warmly enough. This has the effect of lowering their resistance to infection so that the first cold virus they meet, or which could be already lurking in their breathing passages, may multiply in their system.

Although it would be more sensible to wear warm clothing in the first place, as soon as you feel chilled put on your thermal underwear and hope that it is not too late to avert a cold.

The common cold is most infectious before it has fully developed and this is the time to start treatment. As soon as you have that pricking feeling at the back of the nose, feel shivery and just cannot get warm, as if cold water were running down your back, go straight home and start cosseting your cold. Have a hot bath and get straight into a warm bed. Once in bed take a hot lemon drink and two Paracetamols or aspirins.

Making yourself as comfortable as possible is part of the treatment so don't think it is fuddy-duddy to put a shawl round your shoulders. Keep your bedroom warm day and night.

The bed may have been warmed up with an electric blanket but some people prefer to switch it off and comfort themselves with hot water bottles. Two are better than one and three are ideal.

Once comfortably in bed, start telephoning to cancel all your arrangements for the next couple of days.

Bed is the best place so long as you feel shivery. While there, continue with your hot drinks and Paracetamols every four hours. The traditional hot toddy is a useful nightcap. It aids sleep, soothes a sore throat and eases coughs. It makes you feel warmer and encourages perspiration by bringing more blood to the skin and so helps you to "sweat out" the cold.

Following your day in bed stay indoors for one or two days. If you have a blocked nose, and have no nasal drops to shrink your mucous membrane, inhale the steam of boiling water to which menthol, or some preparation containing it, has been added. A painful throat may be relieved by gargling an aspirin dissolved in warm water. Saline gargles using half a teaspoonful of salt in a tumbler of hottish water may also be helpful.

Many people develop a troublesome cough, especially at night, when they have a cold. This may be helped by inhaling Friars balsam before retiring, or by sipping a hot blackcurrant drink. Sucking a strong menthol and eucalyptus cough-sweet may be effective, both in stopping the tickle causing the cough and in clearing the blocked nose.

If your cold is not responding to these measures, or if you develop any complications, you should seek medical advice, as you ALWAYS should for the colds of babies and the very old. No tablets should be taken in pregnancy without asking the doctor if they are safe.

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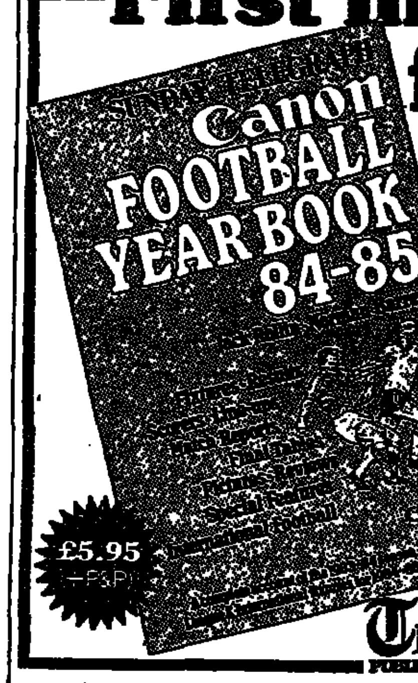

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A LIMIT TO POWER

NOBODY EVER LOST MONEY by betting against the serious outcome of highly advertised summit meetings of national leaders. Mrs THATCHER is going to America; she will address Congress which will be very elevating for all concerned but let us please not slip into a drums and trumpets mood about the outcome. Most of the big issues, like defence and the dollar involve contingencies, influences and local pressures which the ablest and most energetic European Prime Minister cannot hope to deflect. We may quietly get a response on an issue which involves us directly like the official American response to Noraid fund raising. But however hard Mrs THATCHER proclaims herself Mr REAGAN's greatest fan, she runs the risk, like any groupie, of getting a signed photograph of the star. This is a reason for starting with modest, grown-up limited expectations.

Nothing is as important as the dollar. High it does harm enough, driving the British into high interest rates for fear of the brutal shock of a 99 cent pound. But suppose the dollar's magic goes away, suppose Mr JAMES BAKER rather than Mr NIGEL LAWSON spends his waking hours chasing a falling currency downstairs with periodic cries of not wholly credible reassurance. If the deficit which has defied expectations so far, just as the deficit of Mexico did, were finally to start the dollar into a high-speed spiral of decline out of control of the United States Treasury the consequences would be worse for us and our neighbours than anything happening so far. A world recession coupled with *super-high United States interest rates* and the prospects of domestic protection in the States would be unbearable.

The arms and farms lobbies will decide the outcome in battle with their most intelligent critics in Congress, led by Senator DOLE. Mrs THATCHER's hope must be that he and allies within the administration like DAVID STOCKMAN can between them make credible cuts, especially in defence spending. Otherwise we shall gaily wait for the deficit to erupt like Etna. Mrs THATCHER must add her good offices in the inimitable plate-throwing style. But we are people who can only pray at the margin for the wisdom of others. Our expectations of State visits should be geared accordingly.

MR BOTHA'S DIFFICULTIES

VIOLENT EVENTS in the Crossroads squatter camp in Capetown, and the arrest of 13 political activists by the South African Government, lead some people to suppose that the South African Government has made a sudden shift of policy. According to this view, the remarks of President P. W. BOTHA at the opening of the new Parliament some weeks ago presaged an almost overnight dismantling of apartheid. Of course they did not. Rather, they pointed to a new appreciation that urban blacks should have some sort of permanent role within South Africa.

For an Afrikaner President to say as much was a considerable step forward. In time there will be further advances. For all that, the threat of the removal of the squatters at Crossroads (albeit to apparently more agreeable premises) shows that the policies of separate development are still in operation. Equally, the arrest of the 13 United Democratic Front (U D F) activists, six of whom have been detained, is proof that the South African Government has not become soft and sentimental about extra parliamentary opposition. Of course the South African Government knows very well that if it smashes the U D F another group of activists with a new acronym will appear in no time. It has been playing cat and mouse with such people for years—as it has recently playe dcat and mouse with Mr NELSON MANDELA.

None of this means that the South African Government does not want change at its own pace, nor indeed that this pace is not too rapid for many whites. The recent dismissal of charges against the Most Revd. DENIS HURLEY, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, provides an interesting vignette. The Archbishop had fallen foul of the characteristically zealous authorities because he had said that atrocities had been committed by the infamous "Koevoet" unit in northern Namibia. The South African Government at the highest level seems to have taken the more pragmatic view that the Archbishop's allegations were perhaps not so wide of the mark.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS

YESTERDAY THE NATIONAL TRUST celebrated its 90th birthday, fittingly for one of mature years not by doing anything strenuous, but by the symbolic gesture of planting trees. A certain self-satisfaction is understandable. Over the years the National Trust has grown to be the largest private landowner in Britain, and has attracted a membership of 1·2 million active visitors to the stately homes, curious houses, gardens and coastline that the Trust has been instrumental in preserving. Many, this newspaper included, spend time bemoaning the loss of the past: the National Trust remains uniquely successful in the business of preserving it.

Though it is currently fashionable slavishly to venerate the "heritage", it is easy to forget that once this was not so. The National Trust could yet break the gesture of faith between public and donors which holds it together. And the business of preserving the monuments of the past is, for a neutral charity, fraught with problems of an intensely political nature: juggling the demands of egalitarians, heritage buffs and the rising expectations of its own bureaucracy—without access to Government funds.

It is always wise to examine a venerable institution for signs of senility; and in what better light than its present projects? In the Trust's sights at the moment lie Kedleston Hall, the furniture of Nostell Priory—and it lies in the background to plans for Weston Park. It is greatly to be hoped that Kedleston, still in contention with the taxman, may be endowed and given to the Trust. A minor triumph would be if the Chippendale furniture at Nostell Priory was to remain, in the Trust's hands, in the positions in the house it was designed for by THOMAS CHIPPENDALE himself. In most cases the Trust remains the best if not the most economical trustee. But there are now, especially for country houses with active proprietors such as Weston, private trusts which allow an institution to remain much more part of its locality. The Trust should beware of growing too big, or it may not survive the oaks it planted yesterday.

Why a watered-down Secrets Act will probably fail

By W. F. DEEDES

AFTER Ponting, secrecy. It is a safe political bet that before 1985 is out the Government will give Parliament an undertaking to try once again to reform Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

Like Sisyphus, the Home Office and the Cabinet Office, blowing dust off the Franks report (1972) and Labour's White Paper, based on Franks (1978), will be preparing to roll this stone uphill once more.

Is it now the right stone? Reading and listening to some of the post-Ponting pundits airily discussing reform, one is moved to wonder how many of them know what Lord Franks and his committee actually proposed.

Studying it again from cover to cover for the first time since we had to do this as members of the departmental committee, I can find precious little joy in its recommendations for the present-day critics of secrecy in Government.

Franks did not abolish criminal sanctions for breaches of official secrecy. His report considerably reduced the big spongy area where since 1911 such sanctions might today apply; and it redefined and hardened the areas where criminal sanctions would still apply.

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LET us, by way of example, re-examine a main strand of Franks reform, and test it against the prevailing public mood on secrecy. "Public mood" may be the wrong phrase. I doubt if the general public loses much sleep over Sec. 2. Few would march to Trafalgar Square about it. The insomniacs come mainly from our own world in the news media and heavy campaigners for a Freedom of Information Act. This is a media class issue.

Franks, after all, was not considering a Freedom of Information Act but an Official Information Act. Within its ambit he put defence and internal security; foreign relations; currency and reserves; law and order; Cabinet and its sub-committees; confidences of the citizen and official information used for private gain.

These, said Franks, are not to be plundered with impunity. They are not narrow boundaries. Put all were held to embrace matters where unauthorised disclosure could cause "serious injury to the nation." The new Act would bite where, in respect of these matters, documents had also been classified Secret or (relating to military weapons and equipment) Defence—Confidential.

Officials would be responsible for classifying, under regulations made by the Secretary of State. Before a prosecution, the responsible Minister would have to consider whether *at the time of the alleged disclosure* the information was properly classified.

If it was, he would so certify to the court. If it was not, there would be no prosecution.

Now it is fair to say that under such a system civil servants (and editors) would be clearer about the boundaries of offence than they are now. But are we to suppose that in relation, say, to the sinking of the Belgrano such a formula would give satisfaction?

What in reality excites those in the business of disclosure is *not* the soft underbelly of the Official Secrets Act, which Franks sensibly disposed of; but sensitive material which lies on the margin between lawful and unlawful disclosure.

By moving the margin, Franks ostensibly moved from nonsense to common sense. That does not take the margin out of contention — or into the realm of open government.

Since Franks reported, for example, the arrival of American missiles in Europe has become a political issue. How this subject is classified in the Ministry of Defence, or might be classified under the Franks proposals, we cannot tell.

But it embraces three of the areas within which Franks envisaged criminal sanctions — defence, internal security and international relations. Do we suppose for a moment that those campaigning against the siting of these missiles would rest content with the Franks-style Official Information Act, and take care not to publicise matter which (a) bore the mark Defence—Confidential and (b) might be held to "cause serious injury to the nation"?

Recognising that a lot of such material would remain on the margin, Franks proposed a non-statutory committee to give those outside government who might come into possession of official information, particularly the media, guidance on the operation of the classification system.

But as Franks observes elsewhere, "restraint in publication varies from one kind of publication to another." Would those in receipt of Mr Ponting's relevations seek the guidance of such a committee?

Disclosure of matter which could cause serious injury to the nation has increasingly sprung up of late, not from thought of reward, nor from inadvertence, but from an impulse to make a political gesture regardless of the consequences.

Thus any attempt to enact Franks today would be accompanied by very strong pressure to include a saving cause, a plea that publication was in the public interest. Such a clause would shift away from the proposed clarifying of the law, which many declare they want, into the realm of subjective judgment.

There will be even stronger pressure to turn the argument upside down; to declare that what we need is not an Official Information Act but a Freedom of Information Act. The onus, it will be argued, lies on government to prove a need for secrecy. All else should be open.

But even a Freedom of Information Act carries limits. Few of its advocates, who would have us believe that if we moved the way of the United States we would be freer men and better governed, know how it works in practice.

True, a wide range of relatively unimportant material must be disclosed on request. But there are nine exempted categories in America which include: classified defence and foreign relations; certain internal matters; trade secrets; privileged documents between governments; personal files, law enforcement investigations, financial investigations; and geological and geophysical information on oil wells.

Omitting oil, the list has marked similarities to the Franks list. Whichever way it is played, either by an Official Information Act, or a Freedom of Information Act, the Minister stays in a strong position.

It is not decisive because, as we have seen, a jury has the last word at a trial. But it is highly influential; and one clear outcome of the Ponting affair is that those who oppose government secrecy mistrust the discretion of Ministers to determine what is or is not injurious to the nation.

We now know that Sec. 2 of the Official Secrets Act, with what Franks called its "catch-all" character represents a gamble for the Minister as well as the purveyor or discloser of secrets.

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IRONICALLY, the jury's verdict on Ponting, widely acclaimed as a defeat for Sec. 2, represented a feather in the cap for Sec. 2. Those who represent reform of the Official Secrets Act, *pace* Franks, as a blow for freedom, a path towards human enlightenment, need to tone their act down a bit.

But the central issue runs deeper than that. Since Franks there has been most successfully sown fresh seeds of mistrust in those appointed to govern. Proliferating one-issue pressure groups play some part in this. So does a deeply disturbed Opposition. So do parts of the media.

In such a climate reform of outmoded secrecy laws become virtually impossible. Without some bond of trust between those who govern and the governed — who is to be trusted with any secrets?

LONDON DAY BY DAY

A Royal Charter for Industrial Society

THERE WILL BE two notable absentees today when the Queen visits the Industrial Society to present a Royal Charter in recognition of its work in promoting better industrial relations.

One will be the Coal Board's chairman, Ian MacGregor, and the other the miners' president, Arthur Scargill. Both their organisations were once members but—perhaps significantly—I am told they are members no longer.

The NUM resigned in a huff when one of the society's directors expressed concern at the union's tactics in the 1974 pit strike. The Coal Board pulled out about two years ago indicating that it did not see much point in continuing one-sided involvement in the organisation.

To mark today's royal event the society has produced a charter which argues that the greatest challenge at work is co-operating with change. Its significance is such that once the present strike is finally over both sides, I understand, are to be invited to rejoin.

Some more from the name mountain. Among the post-war intake of cadets joining the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia were a Tooke, Short and Going. And upon her marriage Miss I. Herd, from Essex, became Mrs I. Sawyer.

Unlamented loss

THE DECLINE of the great ports over the past 30 years has, I discover, claimed an unlovely victim. The black rat, the creature that brought plague to Europe, faces extinction in Britain.

While the loss of any other species would lead to concern, the disappearance of this large vicious, disease-laden rodent will cause nothing but pleasure.

According to the newsletter of the Mammal Society the black rat has fallen victim to the general decline in the ports, the arrival of containerisation and better housekeeping in warehouses.

The self-destructive industrial relations in the docks may ironically have helped push the black rat, whose population has always been reinforced by animals brought in by ships, towards extinction.

Long distance

MY NOTE the other day about the shortcomings of the Zimbabwe telephone service has prompted three readers to send me the same cutting from the ZIMBABWE HERALD which indicates that things are worse than imagined.

According to the HERALD, a housewife living in the Harare suburb of Borrowdale dialled her mother in Britain and, against the odds, got through at once. The two marvelled at this and then the housewife lamented that she had been trying in vain to get through to her local butcher in Borrowdale for the past two hours.

Her mother took the butcher's number, called him from England and placed the order. The meat was delivered inside an hour.

Lady be good

TIMES have changed indeed since England's oldest surviving women's magazine, THE LADY, was founded a 100 years ago yesterday by Thomas Bowles, whose family still owns "the journal for gentlewomen." Margot Lawrence wrote about it on this page last Saturday.

THE LADY's beauty tips for young Victorian women, for instance seem a little bizarre nowadays. On swimming: "The head should be completely wetted, otherwise a headache will follow." Obesity a problem? "Try Liquid Extract of Fucus Vesiculosis, a species of seaweed." THE LADY deprecated, however, the practice of improving facial skin with arsenic.

Slope umbrellas

SOBER MILITARY MINDS at the Pentagon have recently been pondering the vexed question of whether it is unmanly for United States soldiers to carry umbrellas. Real men, say the generals, are waterproof and should ignore a bit of discomfort.

The Army Clothing and Equipment Board has now ruled that the Army, Navy and Marine Corps should carry umbrellas in or around the Pentagon on the grounds that they are "intrinsically unmilitary."

But the sensitive soldier may feel it rather unfair that the Pentagon has ruled that women in uniform will still be allowed to carry brollies. But, says the board, it's all a question of an un-American image.

Word mountain

SUPPORTERS of Esperanto, the "international language," are claiming a break-through in persuading the European Parliament—which spends more than half its budget on interpreters' services—to adopt the language for translation purposes.

Every word uttered in the Parliament costs £10 to translate into all the languages of the community, but from 1987 text will be translated by computer into Esperanto and then into the various tongues of the EEC, instead of being laboriously translated from language to language as at present.

Computerisation will save 60 per cent. of the translating costs and may even cause more people than readers of the Norwegian rail time-tables printed, I gather, in Esperanto to learn it.

"Hansard's missing!"

Trusting to luck

THE SYMBOL of the English oak leaf on the National Trust's notepaper was at curious odds yesterday with the planting of a tree at the London headquarters by Angus Stirling, the trust's director general, to celebrate the organisation's 90th birthday.

The frozen ground had been prepared with forethought several weeks ago and after the oak sapling had been duly planted, Stirling admitted with commendable candour that it was not an English oak at all—but a hardy Hungarian variety, much more likely to withstand the close proximity of a number of limes.

I gather that the Royal Shakespeare Company's marathon production of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables"—due to be mounted at the Barbican later this year—has already acquired a nickname within the company. It is being called "The Glums."

Icy response

ORGANISERS of a charity concert next Tuesday at the Royal Festival Hall to raise funds for a national concert hall in Iceland are concerned that the official guests—who include Vigdis Finnbogadottir, the Icelandic President, and the Prince of Wales—may outnumber the paying subscribers.

Tickets for the concert, given by the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy with Elisabeth Söderström as soprano soloist, have been going rather badly despite the fact that the programme includes such popular items as Dvorak's New World Symphony and Sibelius' Karelia Suite. Ironically, the icy weather is being blamed for the poor response.

Up and away

A READER tells me that a notice, displayed at a Portsmouth naval station, stated: "WRNS personnel with authorisation for shore leave must show their pink slips on demand."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hatred campaign is fuelled by media

From Air Vice-Marshal D. C. T. BENNETT

SIR—Forty years ago today the war was far from won. Secret weapons, the Runstedt Officer and many unknown remained potential threats—and the Russian advance on the Eastern front had been held up for many weeks.

The Russians, on that day 40 years ago, asked for help of their Western Allies by bombing two rail marshalling yards — which we did, using two clearly marked aiming points.

Most supplies through Dresden were stopped for seven days, giving the Russians time to attack and break through. (An emergency single line was insignificant!).

As in the earlier bombing raids on London the fire services were unable to cope and many lives were lost (about a quarter of the claimed figure). This was deplorable but the blame, as we all know, rests squarely on Hitler's shoulders.

We won the war against Germany at considerable sacrifice of human lives (British lives). Europe was freed. Today we witness the despicable spectacle of many ungrateful people in this country denouncing us for daring to save their lives and their freedom—for doing our duty.

This denunciation is based on carefully prepared Communist propaganda emanating from East Berlin, and this hatred campaign has been actively supported and fuelled by the media here. It has been orchestrated more skilfully than anything seen since, and many people fall for it.

Bomber Command did not do any "indiscriminate bombing." On Dresden, as elsewhere, the aiming points were marked precisely with ultra-powerful target indicators—the main force then did their best. Incidentally the Pathfinders and Bomber Command carried out two other major targets (Magdeburg and Bohlen) on the same night! All the bomber aircraft received the attention of over 2,000 German night fighters.

The readiness of some people to believe the anti-British Communist "brain washing" of the last few days shakes one's confidence in our fellow-British subjects and the loyalty of some of our media.

Patriots sleep well; traitors do not.

DON BENNETT
Denham, Bucks.

Glib talk about war

SIR—Mr J. L. Whiteley (Feb. 16) has surely missed the point of your leader concerning the Dresden bombing.

No one is suggesting that other than wartime expediency was responsible for the decision to bomb the city, but it is surely possible with hindsight to recognise how "morally and militarily wrong" it was.

At the time, few of us questioned military or other decisions made, any more than Mr Whiteley and his gallant colleagues in Bomber Command did, other than carry out their orders.

What is more worrying is that political leaders today seem not to have learned any lessons from the past. Nuclear war is glibly talked about as "winnable" and the superpowers continue to overproduce nuclear weapons when they should be aiming for their abolition.

I too think that the bombing of Dresden was a tragedy of the greatest magnitude; but then I also believe that the possession of nuclear weapons is obscene.

A. H. EARNEY
London, W.13.

Letters of apology

SIR—When our great country has over three million unemployed and is in serious financial trouble, surely this country's leader and her opposite number can find something more important to argue about in public than the seeking of letters of apology.

It does not to my mind encourage the old or more importantly the younger generation to have much faith in or respect for the country's political leaders.

Cannot someone somewhere speak out and say to them: "'Don't be so petty and childish, get on with the business of trying to run the country'"?

JOHN HEWARD
Newport, Gwent.

Warships in danger

SIR—If our Navy had not sunk the Belgrano and the Belgrano had later sunk one of our own warships, what then would the Opposition have said?

KATHLEEN J. ASHTON
Milford-on-Sea, Hants.

Museum's dismay on collection

SIR—Mr Denis Mahon is abundantly justified in protesting so emphatically (Feb. 12) at the administration of the statutory provision whereby works of art which are acknowledged to be pre-eminent and which have to be disposed of in order to meet capital transfer tax liabilities can be accepted by the State as a discharge in kind of those liabilities.

All the museums and galleries of the United Kingdom, and this includes the national institutions, have the best of reasons for regarding with the utmost dismay the arbitrary book-keeping clamp-down announced on the acceptance of pre-eminent works of art as payment in kind of capital transfer tax liabilities.

Mr Mahon has himself built up an outstanding collection and has made known to a number of museums and galleries his good intentions towards them, including the National Museum of Wales.

Furthermore Mr Mahon has, over a number of years, made clear his intentions to successive Ministers for the Arts, including the Earl of Gowrie, and has taken care to emphasise that his testamentary provisions depend upon the effective operation of the so-called "acceptance in lieu" system.

We, in Wales, possess an extremely modest collection of Old Master paintings and we are horrified by the prospect of paintings from the Mahon collection being lost to the United Kingdom through the failure of the Treasury to allow the "in lieu" system to function in accordance with the spirit of the legislation by which it was established.

W. A. TWISTON DAVIES
President, Nat Museum of Wales,
Cardiff.

1,000 cuts

From Lord ANNAN

SIR—I have only just read the admirable letter by Mr Denis Mahon on the plight of the national heritage. For years he has been the leading advocate for more sensible in lieu arrangements, and no wonder he feels so despondent.

The Government resemble Red Indians where the arts are concerned. The gifts in the form of concessions to tax-payers they gave a few years ago with one hand they have now taken back with the other.

I have some sympathy for the Earl of Gowrie who has had to meet an exceptional bill for repairs to museums and galleries, no doubt the legacy of cutting capital programmes during the 1970s. But the arts have suffered not one cut but have been subjected to the Chinese torture of death by 1,000 cuts.

It is for this reason that I have put down a motion in the House of Lords drawing attention to the need for some new initiatives on the part of Government to protect the heritage which, when I have recovered from a tiresome minor injury, I hope to get debated.

ANNAN
Florence Nightingale Hosp.,
London, N.W.8.

A flourishing school

SIR—Mr A. H. Atkins's letter (Feb. 13) on the destruction of grammar schools omitted an important aspect of state education.

I have two daughters who attend one of the few remaining grammar schools—Southend High for Girls. It is alive and flourishing today largely because of the support and encouragement of the parents.

Parents, not politicians, in my view, have allowed our education to deteriorate. Their lack of interest in education is reflected in the numbers of children who attend comprehensive schools who are destined to fail.

Parents fail their children—and promptly blame the system or politicians or teachers. Any scapegoat will do.

Parents, it seems, are more concerned about the pursuit of wealth than their children's education. Switching to private education, if necessary, apparently relieves their conscience.

If my daughters, at some future date, are denied the continuation of their grammar school education, I must look for a similar alternative. Mr Atkins's remarks that without grammar schools opportunities are lost was probably true, and very worrying.

(Mrs) JEAN DAVISON
Thorpe Bay, Essex.

How things can be put right by Oxford

From the Rt Hon. NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS M P (Con.)

SIR—Now that the dust has settled—to some extent—on the dispute over Oxford's decision not to grant the Prime Minister an honorary degree perhaps some eirenic comment on the whole sorry affair would not be entirely out of place.

As a graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge, as a Minister who had differences over economic and unemployment policy with Mrs Thatcher of a nature which led to my leaving both the Cabinet and the Government, and at the same time as one who believes that Mrs Thatcher should have been awarded an honorary degree by her old university because of the high office she has achieved, my position is one of reasonable detachment.

Oxford's decision was a finely balanced one and the balance swung down on the wrong side, but it was one which the university was fully entitled to take in freedom and in no way justifies the vials of wrath, indignation and vituperation which have been poured over her head by leader writers, letter writers, article writers and others.

A good example of this type of *belles lettres* appeared in your own distinguished columns under the name of Max Beloff. I fought side by side with Lord Beloff to preserve our independent, grammar and direct grant schools and valued the zealous judgment which now appears to have deserted him.

As a pyrotechnic piece of polemic his contribution has much to be said for it but as an accurate or helpful analysis of the matter it must score low marks indeed.

I have known Prof. Pulzer, at whom Lord Beloff takes a side swipe, since he was an undergraduate and he retains his early flair and brilliance. Compared with those predecessors in the Gladstone chair whom Lord Beloff holds up as cynosures he shines like a good deed in a naughty world.

And what can one make of the wholly otiose and slighting reference to Sir Kenneth Dover, one of the most distinguished classical scholars in the country, made merely on the grounds that he happens to take a different view from Lord Beloff? The natural scientists are flayed for taking "no part in the university's affairs." Has Lord Beloff never heard of Sir Rex Richards, one of the outstanding Vice-Chancellors of recent years?

Lord Beloff's universals are as weak as his particulars. There was no Communist Marxist plot for the very good reason there are not enough Marxist dons in Oxford to carry it out. Lord Beloff has confused the 1980s with the 1950s. Of the 2,000 members of the Congregation less than 10 can be identified as being of that persuasion.

No, Sir, there was no conspiracy but an unhappy *mélange* of good intentions, bad timing and baleful cosmic events. The Hebdomadal Council, along with everyone else in Britain, was impressed and moved by Mrs Thatcher's courage and resilience after the Brighton bomb explosion.

Old rancours about overseas student fees were exorcised by her bravery and the Council moved to confer the honour. Had Congregation been able to vote at that time the degree would undoubtedly have been granted. But Oxford procedures like those of Rome are slow and unhappily the new controversy of charging for tuition fees, then resiling from the position in view of Tory back bench opposition, and above all recouping the financial loss from the science budget erupted before the vote could be taken. So resentment destroyed goodwill.

I believe it is important to put the record straight, for Oxford has vexed a number of people and a feud between the university and Downing Street can be to the benefit of neither. What then can be done?

The road to the honorary degree is blocked and likely to remain so until the Prime Minister has left office. Then it will be a different matter. But Oxford has distinctions to confer other than those of honorary degrees.

How beneficial it would be if some other signal honour were now to be offered. I feel sure that magnanimity would be matched by magnanimity.

Meanwhile let the denigration of the university cease. Great nations only fail when they cease to comprehend the institutions which they themselves have created.

NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS
House of Commons.

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Sutherland's castle to be Highlands holiday complex

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE Countess of Sutherland yesterday defended the decision by the Sutherland Trust to allow Dunrobin Castle, the most northerly of Scotland's great houses, to become a holiday complex.

She revealed that the castle, home of the Earls of Sutherland since the 14th century, was in danger of a long-term threat of deterioration.

The countess spoke as a Swiss-based property group, Hapimag Club, announced a £7 million plan involving most of the castle.

The complex will also include a 20-acre site for a "period" village of 150 cottages. The scheme will take about three years to complete.

The countess refused to reveal the amount of money paid for the Sutherland Trust's participation in the development.

She said: "Any capital they pay us will go into the trust and of course income will be tax free. And of course the place will be heated. At the moment all we have is a wood stove."

County's life-line

The Sutherlands have about 100,000 acres now but at one time the family owned almost the whole of the county of 1·5 million acres. The 3rd Duke was the largest landowner in Western Europe.

The development by Hapimag is seen not only as a life-line for the castle, and the fortunes of the Sutherlands, but for the whole county as a whole.

The countess said the decision would not only mean Dunrobin's future being underwritten, but it would bring much needed employment to the area. "This venture, which will not put millions of pounds into our pocket, will provide much needed jobs."

Lord Strathnaveer, the countess's son said the castle, which attracts more than 30,000 visitors each year will not be closed during alterations.

He commented: "We are delighted that the introduction effected by the Highlands and Islands Development Board between us and Hapimag has given us the opportunity to co-operate in a first class leisure company which will be of tremendous benefit to this unique part of Scotland."

Shooting safe

The countess stressed that the shooting and fishing rights had not been sold to the company.

It had also been made clear in two years of negotiations, which produced a 4½ inch thick legal document, that certain rights of way were still the Sutherland domain, but open to visitors.

She said every step had been taken to protect the environment of what is described as "the last wilderness" with only 12,000 people living in the country.

And added: "We have every faith in the way in which the complex will be developed.

"Most important is that Dunrobin will be preserved. It has taken a great deal of money to maintain it and every year there has been about £15,000 loss in receipts from people visiting the castle."

The castle and its estates were bequeathed to the countess by her uncle, the 5th Duke, on his death in 1963.

It is the first British centre for the Swiss group which has 1,500 flats, chalets, hotels and other leisure facilities, valued at £50 million, in 11 European countries.

The group believes the complex will attract 10,000 visitors a year, mainly from Western Europe, which could bring £100 million to Scotland over the next 20 years.

Mr D. J. McPherson, chairman of the Highland Regional Council said that funds for the infrastructure of the complex were in hand and the development would be given "every assistance."

CROSSMAGLEN CLUB WINS £150,000 AWARD

A Gaelic football club in the IRA stronghold of Crossmaglen, South Armagh, is to get £150,000 damages because of disruption caused by Army helicopters and lorries using it to bring men to the police station.

The Ulster Office settled out of court in a case at South Down. The club's trustees claimed compensation for damage to the St Oliver Plunket ground, loss of use of the playing pitch, loss of capital development and revenue because of army activity since October 1971.

The court heard that after the pitch was requisitioned under the Emergency Provisions Act, helicopters frequently landed on the pitch — once when a match was going on.

ICE FLOE WARNING

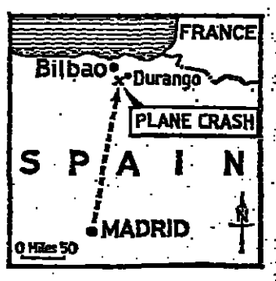
Coastguards are warning boat owners on the Blackwater, Essex, to beware ice floes, some of which are described as mini-icebergs of 15ft long by 5ft deep.

Rescue workers sifting through the scattered wreckage of the Iberia Airlines Boeing 727 which crashed just before landing at Bilbao yesterday, killing everyone on board.

Crash plane was heading for 'unpopular' airport

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

WEATHER conditions must have been approaching minimum for the approach to Bilbao of the Boeing 727 airliner that hit aerials before plunging into a mountainside yesterday.



Pilots do not like Bilbao's Sondica airport because of frequent bad weather and the high terrain.

Many flights are either cancelled or diverted to Vitoria, the Basque capital, some 40 miles to the south.

The estimate of weather conditions at the time of the crash was given last night. The Boeing was an Iberia Airlines plane.

In fair weather passengers get a somewhat unnerving view of mountains on each side of the plane during approach.

But if there is any hint of bad weather about, pilots normally clear the mountains by many thousands of feet and head out into the Bay of Biscay to circle and make the approach to land from the sea.

'Some fog around'

The Mayor of Marquins, a small town down the valley from the crash scene, said: "When the accident happened there was some fog around. We heard the crash and immediately called up the Civil Guard.

"The scene of the accident is well away from the road, and rescuers are having to scramble through pine trees and then scrub the rock for well over a kilometre or so."

The Civil Gaurd commander in charge of rescue operations said: "We have 300 men up there and five helicopters. The nearest road is a kilometre away, and everything is knee-deep in mud.

"It is just possible that someone was still alive after the initial impact, but no one could have survived after the explosions that set fire to what remained of the aircraft."

Businessmen were jostling to check in at Madrid's Barajas airport for the 8.30 a.m. flight to Bilbao.

The airline named 141 passengers who had got aboard with confirmed bookings and nine others who had managed to board the ill-fated flight at the last minute because 13 people had not shown up by boarding time.

Iberia said that visibility at Bilbao was some two miles and could give no immediate explanation for the disaster. There was swirling mist in the valleys, but well below the plane's normal altitude.

PRINCESS MISSES A MEETING

By JENNY SHIELDS in Calcutta

IT is said that you can stop any taxi driver in Calcutta and he will know where to take you to see Mother Teresa, such is the legend of the woman in this sprawling city on the banks of the Hoogly River.

But yesterday, as Princess Anne arrived at the start of her nine-day visit to India, all they knew was that she had gone.

So today's meeting between two women who work so tirelessly to help the most disadvantaged will not take place. Mother Teresa, the Albanian nun who was the Nobel Peace Prize laureate of 1979, is in Australia.

Yesterday, at the Sisters of Charity Mission, Sister Frederick said they had not been told the date of the Princess's visit, while Buckingham Palace officials papered over their disappointment, saying that Mother Teresa was often away on foreign fund-raising trips.

Princess Anne arrived at lunchtime after the 12-hour flight from London. As she stepped from the British Airways Tristar she was greeted by Sir Robert Wade Gery, British High Commissioner.

This morning the Princess begins her heavy schedule of engagements which will take her into the city's notorious slums to see at first hand the relief work.

Museum to launch 'Save Palmer' appeal

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

AN appeal to raise funds to prevent the export abroad of a £200,000 watercolour by the 19th century artist, Samuel Palmer, is expected to be launched today by the British Museum.

The appeal is believed to be the first by the museum for at least 50 years and, significantly, comes at a time when the Government is cutting back on the purchase grant allocations for the national museums and galleries.

The work "A Cornfield by Moonlight with evening Star" dates from 1826-1832, the period when Palmer (1805-1881) lived in Shoreham, Kent.

The Earl of Gowrie, Arts Minister, announced in November a five month export licence stop on the picture.

In common with the "commercial confidentiality" code covering such deals, the identities of the seller and buyer have have not been disclosed.

CERAMIC SUCCESS £107,000 for 180 lots

ALISON BECKETT, ART SALES CORRESPONDENT, writes: Christie's auction of contemporary ceramics, of which they have been a major pioneer, proved a remarkable success in London yesterday when about 180 lots totalled £107,460.

Prices overall were high, the only disappointment being the expected star of the auction, a Hans Coper mural estimated at £30,000-£40,000, which failed to attract a bid above £23,000 and remained unsold.

However, Christie's were optimistic of its private sale, possibly to an institution, and the rest of Coper's work was in enormous demand. The most expensive piece was his eighteins high stoneware cup-shaped vase, 1968, at £4,000.

A white rice bowl in the form of a cone seven inches in diameter with a bronze rim was the best lot in a group by Lucie Rie who is now 82 and still potting. She made it barely five years ago and it fetched £2,800.

Bernard Leach was back in favour again following the fakes scare over some pots made in prison and his 1970 "pilgrim" dish also realised £2,800.

Prices do not include buyer's premium which is eight per cent.

PRIME BEEF

Scientists testing a tin of war issue corned beef have found that it has more meat and less fat than today's product and the 1939 corned beef is still edible.

LIFT-OFF FOR UNLIT CIGARETTE

By IAN BALL in New York

A CIGARETTE which is not lit, but which gives the user the "lift" smokers expect from nicotine will be on sale in America this summer.

In place of tobacco, they contain nicotine-soaked filters.

One advantage being stressed by the developers, Advanced Tobacco Products Inc. of San Antonio, Texas, is that the cigarettes may be used in any of the growing number of public places where smoking is prohibited.

According to a report in the WALL STREET JOURNAL, no one is claiming that the smokeless cigarette—to be sold under the brand name Favor—is good for one's lungs.

But the makers said they do not expect to have to carry on their packets in the United States the Surgeon General's warning about the health hazards of tobacco cigarettes even though just one of their fake smokes contains the nicotine of five ordinary cigarettes.

Their market research suggests there is a demand for a smokeless cigarette. Some 74 per cent of smokers surveyed said they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to purchase a cigarette with nicotine-soaked filters.

Fortunes vary for two machine heart patients

By IAN BALL in New York

THERE was mixed news yesterday from the medical centre in Louisville, Kentucky, where the second and third recipients of artificial hearts are being treated.

Mr William Schroeder, 53, who received a plastic-and-titanium heart on Nov. 25, was described as "discouraged" and fever-plagued.

Dr Allan Lansing, a spokesman for Humana Hospital, Audubon, said that Mr Schroeder might never be well enough to leave the hospital. The cause of his fever continues to baffle his doctors.

But Dr Lansing said that Mr Murray Haydon, 58, a former car worker who received an artificial heart at the week-end, is adapting superbly to his body's new regimen.

The artificial heart is beating 60 times a minute and pumping 3·5 litres of blood a minute. That was a considerable improvement over the 1·2-litre output produced by Mr Haydon's diseased heart.

Mr Haydon began his third day with an artificial heart by asking a nurse to turn on a television news programme. "I'd like to see if I'm alive and how I'm doing," he quipped.

The previous day, the patient could only mumble "yes" and "no" after a respirator had been removed from his irritated throat.

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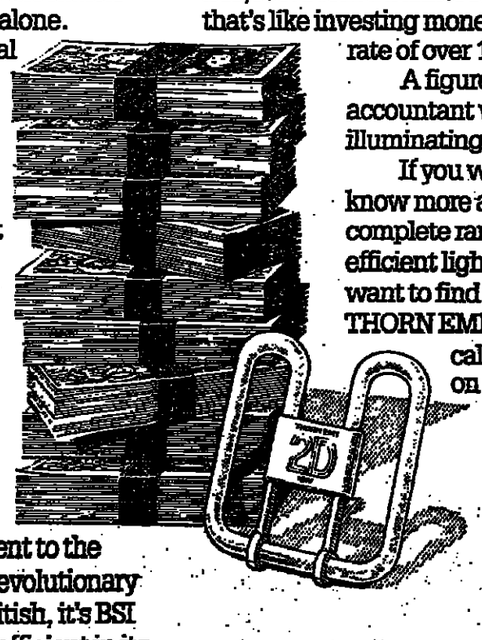

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ACCOUNT: February 11-February 22.
PAY DAY: March 4.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 25,432.
RISES: 264. **FALLS:** 460.
UNCHANGED: 1,050.
EQUITY TURNOVER (February 18): Number of bargains 24,616; value £331·92 million. Shares traded: 168·5 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, February 19, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	1984-85 Low
Indust. Ord	977·5	−7·0	1024·5	755·3
Govt. Secs.	79·96	−0·14	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	503·4	−8·0	711·7	439·5
Fixed Int.	83·70	−0·21	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·44	unch	5·29	4·32
Earn Yld p.c.	11·00	−0·11	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1275·9	−7·2	1305·7	986·7

UNCERTAINTIES about the course of sterling continued to overshadow London stock markets yesterday, but there was a school of thought that Mrs Thatcher's forthcoming meeting with President Reagan would see her pressing the President to take some action to reduce the strength of the dollar.

Despite this reasoning, there was some solid support for internationally-known stocks which prompted notable response in share values. **Imperial Chemical Industries** were well to the fore and closed 23 higher at 862p, with buyers again hopeful about the second quarterly figures, due to be announced tomorrow week.

Glaxo were also prominent on prospects for Japanese sales of the drug, Zantac, and the shares ended $^3/_{16}$ higher at £11$^{13}/_{16}$. With other leaders improving in sympathy, the main market indices quickly recovered early small losses; the "30" index ended 7 higher at 977·5 and the "100" index 7·2 better at 1275·9.

Continued support after the official close brought renewed strength in **Beecham Group**, 14 higher at 365p, and **Hawker Siddeley**, 12 to the good at 437p, while **Imperial Group** enjoyed a new flurry of investment demand and advanced to 206p before closing 6 better at 203p. Following Monday's bout of profit-taking, **Jaguar** quickly recovered their poise and ended 12 higher at 332p.

Other leading lights to make headway included **British Aerospace**, at 370p, **Lucas Industries**, at 253p, **Bowater**, at 246p, **B O C Group**, at 302p, and **G K N**, at 207p, while **B T R** ended 12 higher at 644p. **Dunlop** were quiet and a shade easier at 44 p.

Government securities had a mixed session. The longer end of the market sustained falls extending to around £$^3/_8$ in early business, but with Mrs Thatcher winging her way across the Atlantic and sterling hardening towards the close, the market enjoyed a rallying movement. The printed lists showed little alteration, but late values were £$^1/_8$ to £$^1/_4$ firmer.

On the takeover front, the late news of 600 Group's offer for **F Pratt** left the latter's shares 28 higher at 77p, while 600 themselves closed $1^1/_2$ better at $90^1/_2$p. Awaiting the outcome of talks with Fleet Holdings, **Aitken Hume** were subjected to profit-taking and reacted 10 to 185p, while **Initial** fell 15 to 535p on second thoughts concerning the likelihood of Monopolies Commission clearance for a BET bid.

News of the appointment of a receiver to a subsidiary company had a very depressing effect on **Henry Boot**, which plummeted to 265p before closing 43 down at 272p. Sellers again held the stage in **Lex Service Group**, recently the subject of a profits downgrading by a firm of stockbrokers, and the shares fell 15 more to a low of 225p, compared with their 1984-85 high of 436p.

Demand in a thin market left **J Waddington** 30 higher at 560p, while similar tight dealing conditions accentuated gains in **Oriflame**, 15 up at 665p, and **Inchcape**, 11 better at 446p. **Low & Bonar** gained 8 to 308p on new orders worth £2·8 million, while good interim figures prompted interest in **Cope Allman**, 7 firmer at 153p.

Monday's newcomer, **Osborne & Little**, remained in the limelight and ended 15 higher at 218p, after 220p, compared with the placing price of 125p.

Renewed takeover speculation accompanied support for **Appleyard**, 7 up at 53p, **Yorkshire Chemical**, 3 firmer at 79p, **Delta Group**, 6 higher at 120p, and **Davy Corporation**, 5 better at 95p.

Ecobric, which advanced 10p on Monday in response to Press comment, gained 10 more to 43p on follow-through buying activity. Hopes in connection with the company's work bench computer left **Micro Focus Group** 35 higher at 845p, after 860p.

The forthcoming rights issue continued to restrain interest in **Standard Telephone and Cables**, which slipped 4 to a low of 186p. Sellers also held the stage in **International Signal**, 7 off at 268p, and **Resource Technology**, 5 down at 29p, but **Kode International**, whose results are due on March 28, gained 10 to 180p. Yield considerations prompted sudden interest in **Northern Engineering Industries** and the shares rose 5 to 85p.

There was little activity in the property share section and prices moved narrowly. However, dealers gave a "satisfactory" judgment on the interim figures from **Peachey**, which improved 2 to 246p.

Life insurance issues lost further ground at the opening on continued worries about possible tax changes in the Budget on March 19, but the market subsequently staged a strong rally as buyers came to take advantage of the cheaper levels. **Legal & General** finished 10 higher at 595p, after 575p. **London & Manchester** 15 up at 669p, after 642p, **Pearl**, £$^5/_{14}$ better at £11$^5/_8$, and **Prudential**, 7 firmer at 528p, after 515p. Composite issues also rallied from a dull start.

Booker McConnell lost 8 to 246p as some holders sold in the market ahead of the outcome of the Dee Corporation offer. A similar situation existed in **Pauls**, 10 off at 335p, pending new developments in the Harrisons & Crosfield bid situation. **United Biscuits** reacted 8 to 214p as bid speculators took profits, but another old takeover favourite, **Rowntree Mackintosh** rose 5 to 375p.

There was a fairly good two-way business in the shares of **Manchester Ship Canal**, which recovered to 311p before closing at 306p, a gain of 5p. **Tootal** attracted renewed interest, $2^1/_2$ better at 74p, as some speculators again talked of a possible British counter-offer to the one from Entrad of Australia.

Leading stores shares were in the doldrums, with prices tending easier in the absence of investment interest. **British Home** slipped to 241p, **Burton Group** to 412p, **Debenhams** to 208p, **Great Universal A** to 675p, and **Woolworth** to 576p. Against the trend, **Lincroft Kilgour** rose 6 to 165p and **Combined English** 3 to 104p, both reflecting vague talk of "possible developments."

After a slow start, leading oil shares took a turn for the better and final prices were usually the best of the day. **British Petroleum** were 5 up at 570p, **Britoil** 7 higher at 220p, and "**Shell**" **Transport** 8 to the good at 785p. **Tricentrol**, at 200p, were ex rights to the new 11 p.c. Loan stock, which opened at £14$^3/_4$ premium and closed at £15$^3/_4$ premium. **Falcon Resources** ended unchanged at 420p, after extremes of 414p and 427p.

Gold shares went easier in sympathy with bullion, which closed $1·75 lower at $302·75. Among platinums, **Impala** reacted £$^7/_8$ to £10$^7/_8$ on the disappointing figures.

Tailpiece

THE shares of Scotland's largest Ford main dealers, **Alexanders Holdings**, last mentioned here at the equivalent of 9p in March 1983, have remained in the doldrums as the company has struggled to improve results against a background of persistent trading difficulties.

However, Monday's results indicated that there is cause for a more optimistic view of the group's affairs. The group moved into profit in the second half, which resulted in a reduction in the full year's pre-tax losses to £165,000, against £214,000. The accompanying statement intimated that the company would return to profit in its next financial year and, in the meantime, shareholders will receive a one-for-ten scrip issue.

Yesterday, the market was taking the view that the shares offer recovery possibilities, hence a rise of $2^1/_4$p to $9^1/_2$p. Those who have been patient through the bad times should stay put.

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·5450 dollars
Austria	24·90 schillings
Belgium	71·50 francs
Canada	1·465 dollars
Denmark	12·83 kroner
Finland	7·48 markkas
France	10·90 francs
Germany	3·56 marks
Greece	*147·00 drachmae
Holland	4·03 guilders
Iceland	*46·00 kroner
Ireland	1·1575 punt
Israel	*725·00 shekel
Italy	*2,190 lire
Japan	285 yen
Malta	*0·5825 pounds
New Zealand	2·36 dollars
Norway	10·25 kroner
Portugal	*192·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·07 rand
Spain	*196·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·10 kronor
Switzerland	3·01 francs
Turkey	500·00 lira
United States	1·0850 dollars
Yugoslavia	*279·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain. * Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	104·08	104·10—103·14	1685	105·09—101·22
	June	104·30	104·40—103·27	93	106·18—101·26
US T-bond	Mar	71·26	71·29—71·18	1521	74·06—58·25
	June	—	—	—	72·18—68·24
3 month £	Mar	86·70	86·74—86·40	1831	90·54—86·32
	June	88·32	88·32—88·00	175	90·13—87·40
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·73	90·74—90·66	2172	91·35—88·05
	June	90·08	90·11—90·05	1493	90·89—88·65
Sterling	Mar	1·0905	1·0905—1·0875	405	1·2770—1·0815
	June	1·0805	1·0805—1·0775	402	1·1438—1·0800
D-mark	Mar	0·3024	0·3030—0·3015	106	0·3487—0·3015
	June	—	—	—	0·3089—0·3055
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4013—0·3565
	June	0·3588	0·3588—0·3586	26	0·3588—0·3586
Yen	Mar	—	—	—	0·4109—0·3952
	June	—	—	—	—
FT-SE 100	Mar	127·25	127·80—126·20	420	131·00—112·00
	Jun	127·55	127·80—126·55	7	131·00—130·40

Contracts specifications include: Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling: eurodollars—£250,000 (US$ 1 million with cash settlement option. Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000 Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 4,977

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Major banks agree to back an ombudsman

By ANNE SEGALL

BRITAIN'S big banks yesterday announced the creation of a banking ombudsman to deal with customer complaints and if necessary make awards of up to £50,000.

The statement comes at a time of mounting competition between banks and building societies. Banks are known to be concerned over the reaction of customers to the introduction of composite rate tax in April.

Banks believe the appointment of an ombudsman will boost their public image, especially as building societies have no equivalent. But they also see it as a response to a genuine customer need.

The decision to appoint an ombudsman is in line with the recommendation made by the National Consumer Council in a special report on banking services in December 1983.

The council found that bank customers were generally satisfied with the service provided by their banks, but one in four saw the need for an independent body to resolve disputes.

The banks said yesterday that the ombudsman will not start operations until early next year and that only complaints arising after his appointment — probably in the autumn — will be heard.

The choice of an ombudsman will be made by a council consisting largely of independent members, representing consumer, academic and professional interests. The most likely choice is a lawyer.

Although banks will be paying for the scheme they are making sure that the ombudsman remains genuinely independent. The cost of the ombudsman will be shared by banks in relation to the size of their personal business.

Seventeen major banks have co-operated in the establishment of an ombudsman, including all the London, Scottish and Irish clearers. Once the scheme is operational, any of the 300 "recognised" banks in London will be free to join.

The ombudsman will only deal with complaints from the banks' personal customers; between them, the founding banks have roughly 33 million customers.

Business customers must go to law if they have a complaint against a bank. This option is also open to those personal customers who dislike the verdict of the ombudsman.

To reduce frivolous complaints, banks are insisting that customers first exhaust the banks' own internal procedures before calling on the ombudsman, but a customer will be free to write to him whenever he likes.

A key problem has been deciding which of the many banking services should be covered by the ombudsman. The banks have agreed to include all personal services provided directly through their branches, for example executor, trustee and taxation services, as well as loans, credit cards, insurance and investment services.

The banks admitted that the decision to allow the ombudsman the power to make awards of up to 50,000 was a compromise, with some banks arguing for an upper limit of £100,000.

According to one estimate, the number of customers feeling sufficiently aggrieved to write to the head office of a bank is probably around 5,000 a year. Of those, less than half turn out to merit serious attention.

Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman of Barclays and of the Committee of London Clearing Banks which researched the need for an ombudsman, said yesterday: "We are confident that the ombudsman will come to play a useful role in the banking scene."

Acorn close to rescue

THE RESCUE package for Acorn Computers is on the verge of completion. A high level team from Olivetti's headquarters in Ivrea, northern Italy, has been in London to discuss details of a scheme to keep the manufacturer of the BBC and Electron computers in business.

The shares have been suspended since Feb. 6 and over the past two weeks Acorn has been closeted with its new merchant bank, Close Brothers, brought in to replace Lazards.

Any scheme is bound to dilute substantially the holdings of the two founders, Hermann Hauser and Christopher Curry.

Peachey interim up

PEACHEY Property Corporation is lifting its interim dividend from 2·5p to 3 a share, payable April 29. The move follows a surge in pre-tax profits from £3·04m to £4·85m before tax.

Questor—P25

Cope tops £6m

COPE Allman International, the packaging, amusement machines and engineering group, continued its recovery in the opening half of 1984-85 pushing pre-tax profits on from £3·28m to a £6·34m peak.

The interim dividend is going up 35 p.c. to 2·7p on July 1, and with the board encouraged by the prospects for the remainder of the year, a similar increase in the final is envisaged, indicating a possible 5·7375p (5·25p) total for the year.

Questor—P25

OK Tedi hopes

PAPUA New Guinea's Minerals and Energy Minister, Francis Pusal, said yesterday that he remained hopeful that the dispute between Papua New Guinea and the corporate shareholders in the troubled OK Tedi gold and copper project will be settled. He described talks yesterday between PNG officials and OK Tedi Mining as productive and positive.

German growth

THE West German economy continued to show strong growth at the turn of the year and a sharp rise in January unemployment should not be interpreted as a halt in the recovery, says the Bundesbank.

The West German central bank says in its latest monthly report that the economy is still benefiting from strong exports and a growing domestic demand.

Yearlings steady

INTEREST rates in the local authority yearling bond markets are unchanged this week at 12⅜ p.c.

The issues are again all at par and borrowers include Bedfordshire County Council and Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council (£1m each), and Forest Heath District Council, Newbury District Council, Newport Borough Council, Borough of Northampton, and Borough of Tamworth (£500,000 each).

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	203·10	+1·80
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,112·83	+8·44
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,181·00	+2·00
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,435·17	+7·99
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,280·59	−1·43
PARIS (CAC General)	200·90	+0·10
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	795·40	+4·90
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,156·64	+7·49
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	337·60	+0·50

U.S. RATES

Federal funds 8⅝ p.c. (8 9/16 p.c.)
Treas. 3 month bills 8·20-8·15 (8·21-8·16)
Long bonds ...... $99·04 ($99·05)
Yield ... 11·34 p.c. (11·35 p.c.)

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Feb. 303·90 (304·30), March 304·40 (305·10), April 306·40 (306·90), June 310·80 (311·30), Aug. 315·40 (315·90), Oct. 320·10 (320·60), Dec. 325·20 (325·70), Feb. 330·50 (331), April 336 (336·50), June 341·80 (342·30), Oct. 354·10 (354·70). Est. sales: 21,500 contracts.

SILVER: Feb. 628·2 (629), March 629·5 (630·5), April 633·9 (634·9), May 638·4 (639·5), July 648·2 (649·4), Sept. 658·7 (659·8), Dec. 675·9 (676·9), Jan. 681·7 (682·7), March 693·4 (694·3), May 706·1 (706·9), July 719·1 (719·8), Sept. 732·8 (733·4), Dec. 753·9 (754·4). Est. sales: 24,000 contracts.

COPPER: Feb. 61·65 61·70, March 61·85 (61·90), April 62·30 (62·35), May 62·70 (62·75), July 63·25 (63·35), Sept. 63·75 (63·85), Dec. 64·50 (64·70), Jan. 64·75 (64·95), March 65·30 (65·50), May 65·75 (66·10), July 66·25 (66·65), Sept. 66·75 (67·20), Dec. 67·50 (68). Est. sales: 11,000 contracts.

COCOA: March 2105 (2120), May 2137 (2164), July 2129 (2143), Sept. 2131 (2143), Dec. 2028 (2045), March 2025 (2035), May 2035 (2035). Est. sales: 2,418 contracts.

CHICAGO (Wheat): Mar 345¼ (346¾), May 336¼ (339¼), Jly 330 (332½), Sep 330 (332½), Dec 339¾ (342½), Mar 344 (347¼). Corn: Mar 267¾ (269¾), May 275½ (277½), Jly 278¾ (280½), Sep 271¼ (273¼), Dec 265¾ (268), Mar 274½ (276¾). Oats: Mar 175¾ (175½), May 170¾ (171¼), July 164¾ (165½), Sep 163¾ (164½), Dec 158 (167¾). Soybean: Mar 578 (581), May 590¾ (593¾), Jly 601¼ (604), Aug 604 (607), Sep 605 (604), Nov 607¾ (608¼), Jan 619½ (620½), Mar 631 (633).

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Grp	620·20	(+1·02)
"500"	671·63	(+1·83)
All-share	613·60	(+1·40)

CITY COMMENT

Debt problems still piling up in Latin America

THE resignation of Sr Bernardo Grinspun, the Argentine Economy Minister who has been conducting debt renegotiations, and the Governor of the Central Bank will inevitably add more grey hairs to the heads of bankers around the world worried about Latin America's $350 billion of debts.

The double resignations in Buenos Aires come on the very day the Brazilian trade and inter bank credits expired, with agreement on a new package still some weeks off.

Inflation, the traditional bane of Latin American economies is rampant in both countries. Argentina and Brazil are also not alone. Peru and Bolivia are also deep in debt and drowning in inflation.

Experienced Latin America hands were philosophical about the latest turn of events, however, yesterday, taking some comfort from the fact that conditions in the countries concerned are not as similar as they might superficially seem, and that progress in debt negotiations is rarely straightforward.

Precisely why the two Argentines had resigned was not immediately clear in London or in Washington yesterday. Sr Grinspun is a politician who has been a close colleague of the Prime Minister.

His replacement, Senor Juan Sourrouille, is a technocrat, the author of a five-year plan for economic growth, and is believed to take seriously the problem of inflation, which is running at an annual rate of 1,500 p.c., or five times the IMF "target."

The resignations come at a ticklish time but bankers in London were hopeful yesterday that the new man will actually intensify the fight against inflation, and the debt package now nearing completion will still be agreed by the end of next month.

Brazil's difficulties with the International Monetary Fund are well known, but the credits have now expired and there is no evidence that any major creditor has refused to let them run on.

With any luck that situation will remain until the new civilian government takes over control on March 15. Peru is also facing a change of government which makes firm decisions there even harder to take. Bankers generally take comfort from the fact that despite dire warnings of imminent debt repudiations which would force creditor countries to take difficult decisions the debtor countries are all still trying to cope.

The marriage business

MARKETS DEVELOP TRADE with such wonderful facility that new ones are being invented all the time. The latest idea, called the Business Exchange, was launched yesterday. Twenty-two firms of accountants and solicitors have become members in the hope of bringing together sellers and buyers of businesses and raising capital.

The man behind the venture is Douglas Llambias, whose private company, The Business Expansion and Exchange Group, will run the Business Exchange. Among the members are Arthur Andersen, Arthur Young, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, D. J. Freeman, Payne Hicks Beach, Thomson McLintock, Thornton Baker and Touche Ross.

At present if an accountant is asked to sell a client's business, he or she may contact a number of merchant banks, or turn to the merger brokers, or contact other firms of accountants or solicitors directly. The Business Exchange seeks to formalise the last approach. An accountant or solicitor of a member firm with a transaction to undertake might in future turn first to the Business Exchange. The staff of the Business Exchange would discuss the proposition and then, if it were found suitable, send anonymous summary details in confidence to the other members. They in turn would make their interest known through the Business Exchange and then the parties would be able to start negotiations.

Scale fees are 4 p.c. on the first £200,000 and then fall to 0·5 p.c. on the excess of any consideration over £10 million. Fees are charged to both vendors and purchasers; the total on a £1 million deal would come to £24,500.

Top and tail of banking

IT WAS PROBABLY inevitable but a chance comment about the relative progress of merchant banks in the corporate finance stakes made at a lunch with one of them recently resulted yesterday in the arrival of an interesting league table from that source, clearly designed to damp down a suggestion that the host might not have been doing too well in that department.

Part of the table, which is based on figures extracted from Crawford's Directory of City Connections, is reproduced here and readers may not have too much difficulty working out which bank compiled the table.

Comparative figures show that, in 1978-79, the league table based on numbers of corporate clients was headed by Hill Samuel, with 124 massing a market value of £116 billion, followed by Warburg with 103 clients valued at £92 billion.

At that time Kleinwort was third on the list. County Bank was lowly seventh and Morgan Grenfell clocked in at fifth. Schroder Wagg, rated fourth on this basis in 1978-79, had fallen to sixth place this year.

Of course there are a number of different criteria by which to judge the merchant banking league table. On this assessment Warburg comes out as a definite top dog. Unless, of course, other banks care to suggest alternative points of view?

CORPORATE CLIENTS LEAGUE TABLE 1984-85

	FT-SE* No.	FT-SE* Market value £bn	Others	Total
S G Warburg	17	35·4	113	130
Hill Samuel	8	12·3	117	125
County Bank	3	3·7	120	123
Morgan Grenfell	14	18·6	104	118
Kleinwort Benson	10	9·6	97	107

*Corporate clients who are constituents of the FT-SE index.

Manufacturing upturn boosts GDP figures

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

THE economy grew by 2·5 p.c. last year despite the coal strike and came close to meeting the Government's pre-dispute forecast of 3 p.c. growth.

The strike is estimated to have reduced growth by 1 to 1·25 p.c., according to provisional gross domestic product figures from the Central Statistical Office yesterday.

A better-than-expected outturn has been helped by revisions to manufacturing industry output which rose by almost 3·5 p.c. last year, the best performance for a decade.

Between the third and fourth quarters the economy is provisionally estimated to have grown by 1 p.c. with the production and services industries showing a 1 p.c. improvement and distribution alone a 1·5 p.c. increase.

The way the coal strike has clipped growth is shown by a breakdown of the quarterly effect. The dispute is estimated to have reduced growth by 0·5 p.c. in the first quarter when the strike started, rising to between 1·25 and 1·5 p.c. a quarter over the rest of the year.

Coal normally accounts for 1·5 p.c. of the domestic product and most of the output loss reflects the slump in coal production. The effects on other parts of the economy have been limited.

Mr Lawson, Chancellor, will take comfort from the manufacturing and domestic product figures in the Budget build-up. They provide further historical confirmation that the expected downturn in the economy at the tail end of the year did not materialise.

There are uncertainties about the recovery trend this year because of the jump in interest rates and the way the miners' strike has dragged on. The Treasury had been working on the assumption that the strike would end in December and that the economy would grow by another 3 p.c. this year with the bounce-back from the strike accounting for 1 p.c.

The Confederation of British Industry is predicting an upsurge in exports because of sterling weakness, but is warning that a prolonged bout of high interest rates will put continued growth at risk.

Pound makes lone stand against dollar

THE pound left its Continental rivals behind yesterday as it alone managed to hold its own against a soaring dollar.

By the close, the pound was up eight points at $1·0925 against $1·0917 overnight. This minimal advance was in sharp contrast to the fall in the mark and other major currencies.

As a result, the sterling index rose by 0·4 to 71·6. The pound's value in terms of marks rose from 3·5990 to 3·6225.

Dealers say intervention by central banks to stop the dollar's advance was hardly noticeable. Only the Germans spent about $50 million to help the mark.

The continued strength of the dollar continued to unnerve London money markets in spite of the pound's relatively good performance. The cost of three month interbank money rose another 1/16 p.c. to 14 p.c.

The Bank of England provided £517 million of help to the banking system to relieve a liquidity shortage of about £450 million.

Pratt accepts 600 Group bid

THE 600 GROUP has at last made its long-expected takeover bid for F. Pratt Engineering in which it bought a near-27 p.c. stake as long ago as 1981.

The agreed deal is 78p a share cash valuing the whole business at £4·3 million and the equity not already owned by 600 Group at £3·13 million.

The price offered looks generous by stock market standards with the shares just 49p before the announcement. They quickly jumped to 77p. Shareholders will still be able to keep the 1·5p final dividendd.

The dividend was announced in January—the first for two years—when Pratt unveiled pre-tax profits of £325,000 in the year to end-October against losses of £257,000.

Soon after 600 Group first took a stake F. Pratt suffered under a welter of boardroom rows which led to sackings and bitter arguments over directors' spending.

It has been a slow road back to profitability for the group which already trades with the 600 Group particularly in "workholding" machine tool components and electrical panels.

The current board backs the bid with a shareholding of 0·6 p.c.

Strike hits Yorkshire Bank

YORKSHIRE Bank, the fast-growing Leeds-based clearer, yesterday counted the cost of the miners' strike with a £2·2 million fall to £34·4 million in taxable profits for 1984.

The decline is more than accounted for by the impact of overdue loans to miners.

Graham Sunderland, general manager, put the total cost of the strike so far at £2·5 million. He hoped most of that money would eventually be recovered, but admitted that £500,000 "had gone forever."

This reflects the fact that Yorkshire will not charge miners extra interest for the delay in repaying instalment loans. In effect, this means they have had interest-free credit for the duration of the strike.

Yorkshire, which has been particularly successful in attracting customers among skilled and unskilled workers, has a total of £10 million on loan to 10,000 miners. Most of that money is now overdue.

The bank has made a provision of £700,000 against overdue miners' accounts. Apart from provisions, Yorkshire has had to defer roughly £1·75 million owed in interest by miners.

Total assets increased by 15·2 p.c. to £1·53 billion in 1984 and the bank opened 230,000 new current accounts.

Yorkshire is owned by the major London clearers excluding Midland. The dividend to shareholders is being increased from £4·2 million to £4·65 million.

Edwardes talks of confidence at Dunlop

THE new Dunlop Holdings management team "becomes more knowledgable and more confident about the group's prospects and potential" as each day passes, says a letter to shareholders from chairman Sir Michael Edwardes.

This is the last shot in his defence against the £33·5 million take-over bid from BTR before the first closing date tomorrow.

In the meantime the company is deep in discussions with its 53 creditor banks to produce the second version of the rescue arrangements. Sir Michael's letter confirms the promise at the recent extraordinary general meeting that it will be an "attractive package," and this is now expected very shortly.

Sir Michael explains that the new scheme will be in the form of a single rights issue instead of the three-tier package previously proposed, and existing shareholders will be able to take up their full entitlement "to avoid any dilution of their holdings."

It is only the shares that existing holders do not wish to take up that will be acquired by institutions and the banks. Plans are well advanced and the new scheme is expected in about a week.

Yesterday Dunlop shares closed at 44p, down 1½p, compared with the 20p a share offered by BTR.

Khoo offers more for Marden

TAN SRI KHOO raised his bid for Wheelock Marden to HK$7 for the "A" shares and 70 cents for the "B" shares yesterday and has increased his stake in the Hongkong company to 23·53 p.c. of the voting rights.

Trading in the shares was suspended again after the announcement with the "A" shares quoted at HK$7·05. The "B" shares were not traded yesterday.

The new bid through Falwyn, Tan Sri Khoo's holding company, compared with the initial offer last week of HK$6 for the "A" shares and 60 cents for the "B" shares and Sir Y-K Pao's counter bid of HK$6·60 and 66 cents at the weekend.

A statement for the Commissioner for Securities yesterday said Falwyn had bought 55 million "A" shares at up to HK$6 in addition to the shares acquired from John Morden.

Sir Y-K Pao's Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf has not added to its 34 p.c. voting stake acquired last week.

Dealing in the shares was suspended on Monday but off-market deals were struck at HK$6·80. Trading resumed at HK$6·90 yesterday before the Falwyn raised its bid.

The Hongkong market is now closed for the Chinese New Year and reopens next Monday.

South Leasing in £2m placing

SOUTHERN Business Leasing, the USM-quoted photocopier and drink vending machine leasing operation, is raising a net £2·17 million with the placing of 1·8 million new shares at 124p each. The price compares with a market price of 128p and a USM entry price nearly two years ago of 85p.

The group's January interim results showed a 30 p.c. pre-tax advance to £1·52 million. While there is no forecast, contracted income on leasing deals was £29 million at December 31, continuing the annual 33 p.c. rise.

State buoys BNOC with extra £25m

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

A FURTHER £25 millon is being provided by the Government to cover losses by the British National Oil Corporation in its efforts to defend North Sea oil prices.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, provided the latest insight into the cost in a Commons answer yesterday as the Energy Department confirmed that talks were under way with oil companies about reducing BNOC's trading role but denied that it had taken any initiative.

The latest £25 million tranche of support is on top of the £41m the Government provided to cover BNOC's spot market losses in the secondhalf of last year as the gap with the official North Sea price widened.

The Government view is that the £66 million in aid is a small price to pay for contributing to stability in the oil market, defending the £12 billion anticipated North Sea income this year and avoiding a free-for-all that would put sterling under further pressure.

BNOC is under orders to maintain the official $28·65 a barrel price it pays oil companies for North Sea oil and limit its losses. It is being forced to sell around 800,000 barrels a day at spot market-related prices, mainly to customers who previously had contracted supplies.

Spot prices have been improving through a combination of bad weather, the new pact from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Government's North Sea stance and the £25 million contribution represents the best estimate about BNOC's losses from December to the end of the current financial year.

Saudi setback for Boot

SHARES in civil engineers Henry Boot crashed 43p to 272p yesterday, on the news that a 50 p.c. owned subsidiary had gone into receivership after lengthy problems with an £18 million Middle Eastern contract.

The subsidiary, Intry, was building the new zoological gardens for the Saudi Arabian government in Riyadh, but, stated Boot, all work on the contract ceased on January 24 because "the conditions" under which the company had been working for many months had been intolerable; with unrealistic interim valuations, delayed payments and extended approval periods for design details and materials, disrupting the progress of the work.

John Glyn leaves FNFC chair

AFTER A job well done to keep afloat First National Finance Corporation, John Glyn, 72, is retiring as chairman. Also leaving is managing director Stuart Dyer and non-executive director Sir Anthony Touche, the banker.

Mr Glyn, once of Glyn, Mills bank has been the chief pilot of the Bank of England's lifeboat launched 11 years ago to rescue FNFC from the depths of the secondary banking crisis.

The supporting group of banks — the five English clearing banks and three from Scotland — put in a total £350 million. All but £32 million has been repaid.

Even the loan to First National Securities Holdings, the consumer credit division, is backed nearly twice by assets.

Last month the group announced profits up from £11·4 million to £17·6 million and during the latter stages of its recovery FNFC has been considered a ripe takeover prospect.

Richard Langdon, the former senior partner of Spicer & Pegler takes over as part-time executive chairman and three senior executives will be promoted to the board.

Mr Glyn pays tribute to his staff bringing about what seemed "an impossible task" in 1977. Then there was £78 million deficit on shareholders' funds. Now there is a £34 million surplus.

Cope Allman International P.L.C.

Highlights of the half year ended 31 December 1984

The interim results show substantial progress

	Half year to 31 December 1984 £'000	1983 £'000	
Turnover of continuing businesses	85,491	69,738	+22.6%
Profit before tax	6,339	3,284	+93.0%
Profit after tax	3,567	1,921	+85.7%
Earnings per share	8.97p	4.82p	+86.1%
Dividends per share	2.70p	2.00p	+35.0%

★ All activities contributed to the improvement

★ Prospects for the second half of the year are encouraging and assuming they are realised the recommended final dividend will be increased by approximately 35% over last year's final dividend.

A copy of the Interim Report may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Cope Allman International P.L.C., 40 Bernard Street, London WC1N 1LF.

U.S. corporate profits hold up

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

AMERICA'S corporations managed to scrape out a profit gain at the end of 1984 and the housing industry roared back to life in January, economic reports released yesterday showed.

Wall Street investors had expected corporate profits to slump during 1984's fourth quarter, given the slow pace of overall economy, but a Wall Street Journal survey showed that profits actually increased slightly in the October-December period.

The survey of 530 corporations reported that net earnings from continuing operations rose 3 p.c. from a year earlier and overall profits rose 2 p.c. Although the fourth quarter gain was minimal, it was better than anticipated and economists were encouraged by the news.

The United States government also reported a surprising burst of strength in the housing industry that far exceeded expectations. Housing starts jumped 14·9 p.c. in January, ending a three-month decline in the economic measure.

Because the construction industry is considered one of the three pillars of America's industrial base, the near 15 p.c. jump in the housing index was seen as confirmation that the economy started the New Year with an economic bang.

The encouraging economic news was not enough to provide Wall Street investors with a lift, however. The Dow Jones Industrial Average drifted lower for most of the day and was off a fraction at 1,281·14 an hour before the close.

The index closed 1·45 lower at 1280·59.

Traders in New York said investors were preoccupied with the coming testimony of Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, who was scheduled to appear before Congress on Wednesday. Mr Volcker will outline the Fed's 1985 monetary targets during his testimony and investors greeted the occasion with the usual nervousness.

The Fed's tentative monetary goals for this year were announced last June and Wall Street's financial market participants will be watching closely to see if the central bank's final targets differ from those previously announced.

Comments by Treasury Secretary James Baker, taken as an indication that the Reagan Administration has placed deficit reduction on the back burner, also worried investors.

Mr Baker told Congress that although the deficit was the major economic problem facing America the exact percentage of deficit reduction was not as important as producing a downward trend.

The Treasury Secretary's statement appeared to contradict projections by many economists.

● The pound in New York closed at $1·0935 against $1·1050.

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1-3 St. Paul's Churchyard, London EC4. 01-236 1855.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Amer Grth	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	General	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Inc Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	47·0	U.S. Em. Co.	65·6	69·5
[illegible]	119·7	Gilt & Fix Inc	119·7	127·1
[illegible]	117·4	W'dwide Bd.	119·9	120·1

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MNGMT) LTD.
30 City Road, London EC1Y 2AY. 01-628 6626.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Secure Income Fund	136·2	145·7
98·6	58·5	Japanese Tech Fund	73·0	78·0
[illegible]	110·3	American Tech Fund	158·0	169·1
[illegible]	28·3	Small Cos Fd	30·2	32·3
[illegible]	123·2	Pacific Fund	139·2	148·9
[illegible]	336·2	Exempt Fund	415·6	444·6
[illegible]	148·4	Special Sits. Fd.	167·0	178·1
[illegible]	35·3	Eu gy & Res. Fd.	38·7	42·0
66·5	49·5	Am Mangd Fd	63·8	68·1
—	—	Intnl. Inc. Fd.	000·0	000·0

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277-211459 / 229123.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
174·1	163·4	First Trust	159·1	168·6
111·6	104·1	Growth & Inc'e Tst.	109·4	116·3
[illegible]	132·5	Capital Trust	126·3	134·4
[illegible]	278·0	Balanced Trust	272·1	289·2
445·5	415·5	Accumulator Tst	407·6	433·3
[illegible]	33·0	American Inc. Tst.	31·5	33·5
[illegible]	108·5	High Income Tst.	179·6	192·6
[illegible]	97·3	Equity Income Tst.	96·7	102·5
129·6	117·1	High Yield Tst.	119·6	127·8
[illegible]	29·3	Governm't Secs. Tst.	27·6	29·3
[illegible]	87·4	International Tst.	89·3	95·3
[illegible]	69·5	Japan Tst.	70·1	74·3
[illegible]	129·6	Pacific Tst	129·6	137·4
[illegible]	56·7	Am'n Spec Sits Tst	68·8	72·0
[illegible]	176·3	Secs. of America Tst	199·4	211·4
191·6	156·6	Asset Value Tst	159·3	169·9
[illegible]	31·2	Gilt Growth Tst	30·6	31·9
100·6	98·9	Smaller Co's Tst.	45·0	123·4
159·6	135·3	2nd Smaller Co's Tst	124·5	133·5
[illegible]	54·1	Recovery Tst.	54·5	57·7
[illegible]	85·3	Metal,Mins.&Com.T.	101·6	107·9
161·6	119·9	Overseas Earnings T.	150·6	159·8
105·8	74·0	Technology Tst.	96·3	102·1

ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	106·9	AndersonGrthFundT	122·5	131·0
[illegible]	24·1	AndersonInc UnitT.	26·6	28·2

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-628 9876.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	41·8	Capital Growth	48·3	51·7
[illegible]	64·0	Commodity	78·8	83·9
[illegible]	139·0	Commodity Accum.	147·4	157·6
[illegible]	38·5	Com 10% Withdrawal	43·0	46·0
[illegible]	78·1	Extra & Intnational	107·4	114·9
[illegible]	48·9	Extra Inc 10% Wdrwl	61·9	66·2
46·3	31·6	Finance & Property	42·8	45·7
[illegible]	54·7	Foreign Grth	67·4	72·0
[illegible]	43·5	Gilt & Fixed	41·8	43·0
[illegible]	63·4	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	63·6	66·2
[illegible]	47·8	High Income	54·0	57·7
[illegible]	100·7	High Income Accum	119·6	127·9
[illegible]	57·8	High Inc 8% Wdrwl.	68·1	72·8
[illegible]	54·3	High Yield	58·7	62·2
[illegible]	122·1	High Yield Accum.	139·1	148·7
[illegible]	100·0	Managed Fund	84·5	91·5
[illegible]	61·9	North American	86·3	92·2
[illegible]	24·5	Preference	24·5	26·2
[illegible]	67·3	Preference Accum	70·5	75·3
[illegible]	76·2	Smaller Companies	84·9	90·8
[illegible]	76·2	Smaller Co's Accum.	89·8	96·6
[illegible]	8·8	World Penny Share	9·0	9·6

Portfolio Trust

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
61·9	47·3	U.K.	58·5	60·6
[illegible]	44·5	Japan	61·7	63·2
[illegible]	50·0	U.S.	74·5	77·2
[illegible]	47·7	Europe	57·0	59·0

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	171·3	Fund	211·8	225·3
[illegible]	29·1	Growth Fund	32·4	34·5
[illegible]	50·0	High Yield Eq. Fd.	51·5	54·8

ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
45 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL. 01-638-1711.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	50·0	AtlantaAm SpecFnd	65·5	69·7
[illegible]	53·8	AtlantaCanadianTst	74·9	80·3
[illegible]	50·6	Atlanta Jap. FarEast	50·3	53·8

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh. 031 225 2581.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	96·4	Japan	98·7	105·0
[illegible]	97·5	America	120·9	128·2
[illegible]	100·0	Technology	192·6	205·2
[illegible]	97·0	Energy	110·9	118·0
[illegible]	100·0	Income Grth	146·7	155·0

BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 01-534 5544.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	59·7	Unic. Amer	83·1	88·3
[illegible]	136·3	Unic. Aust. Acc	145·4	155·3
[illegible]	101·0	Unic. Aust. Inc	104·9	111·3
[illegible]	136·6	Unic. Cap.	163·6	173·8
[illegible]	243·8	Unic. Exempt	306·0	325·5
[illegible]	46·2	Unic. Extra Inc	53·3	56·7
[illegible]	139·4	Unic. Fin.	180·6	192·1
[illegible]	122·1	Unic. 500	184·8	196·5
[illegible]	79·4	Unic. Gen	100·8	107·0
[illegible]	50·1	Unic. Gilt & Fx. Int	49·5	51·6
[illegible]	78·3	Unic. Grtr. Pac. Acc	105·4	112·1
[illegible]	78·0	Unic. Grtr. Pac. Inc	104·6	111·2
[illegible]	105·8	Unic. Grth. Acc	137·3	146·0
[illegible]	183·7	Unic. Inc	230·6	245·3
[illegible]	82·0	Unic. Pref	98·9	105·2
[illegible]	114·1	Unic. Rec.	132·7	141·1
[illegible]	43·3	Unic. Trust	80·5	85·6
[illegible]	56·4	Unic. Worldwide	118·8	126·3
[illegible]	186·4	Trust Inv. Fd. (Acc.)	232·3	248·0
[illegible]	128·4	Trust Inv. Fd. (Inc.)	157·5	167·5

BARING BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE. 01-283 8833.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	210·1	Stratt. Sm. Co's Ex Fd	213·7	222·4
[illegible]	466·2	Stratton Trust	472·3	491·1
[illegible]	106·9	Stratton Euro. Fd.	111·3	118·4

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588-2777. Dealing 0-638-0478/0479.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	60·2	Recovery	72·8	77·7
[illegible]	91·0	Smaller Companies	108·4	115·6
[illegible]	50·5	Special Mkt. Sits	72·0	76·8
[illegible]	35·4	Extra Income	48·7	51·9
[illegible]	25·0	Gilt	35·0	36·3
[illegible]	120·2	Income & Growth	148·3	158·4
[illegible]	117·0	National High Inc.	155·3	165·7
[illegible]	17·4	Preference Shares	16·9	17·9
[illegible]	124·8	Commodity Shares	151·3	161·4
[illegible]	29·5	Financial Securities	35·4	37·8
[illegible]	21·2	Gold & General	22·4	23·8
[illegible]	9·9	Intnl. Leisure Mkt.	12·5	13·3
[illegible]	38·9	Property Shares	39·6	42·2
[illegible]	65·2	Universal Energy	63·3	67·5
[illegible]	40·7	World Technology	50·3	53·6
[illegible]	85·2	American Growth	80·3	85·6
[illegible]	13·6	AmericanSmallerCos	25·5	27·2
[illegible]	13·4	AmericanSpecialSits	60·8	64·8
[illegible]	15·5	Hong Kong Perf.	26·1	27·9
[illegible]	30·0	Intnl. Growth	29·2	31·1
[illegible]	1·1	Japan Performance	40·8	43·5
[illegible]	10·7	Japan Smaller Co's	12·4	13·2
[illegible]	29·5	U.K. Growth	30·8	32·9
[illegible]	50·0	American Income	56·4	60·2
[illegible]	61·5	Australian Growth	72·8	77·7
[illegible]	42·0	Exempt	56·2	59·8
[illegible]	52·2	Exempt Mkt Leaders	64·7	67·7
[illegible]	37·2	Far East	43·1	46·0
[illegible]	49·0	Growth Gilt	50·5	51·5

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
917 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	42·5	Brown Shipley Fund.	47·7	51·8
[illegible]	66·7	Accum	63·3	67·5
[illegible]	76·3	Financial	93·4	100·5
[illegible]	125·9	Growth Acc.	165·3	175·6
[illegible]	89·0	Growth Inc.	107·3	115·3
[illegible]	37·9	High Inc.	47·9	51·6
[illegible]	44·0	Income Fund	53·5	57·6
[illegible]	43·4	North American	57·0	61·3
[illegible]	48·9	Orient Fund	52·0	55·9
[illegible]	32·7	Recovery	35·8	38·2
[illegible]	137·7	Technology Fund	159·2	170·1

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT. 01-588-2868.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	95·6	Buckmaster Intnl Fd	122·9	128·0
[illegible]	35·4	Buckmaster Inc. Fd.	74·3	78·0
[illegible]	129·9	Buckmaster Gen. Fd.	160·5	167·9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Buckmasteram. C Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]

CANADA LIFE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	72·3	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	88·6	93·3
[illegible]	109·4	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	135·2	142·3
[illegible]	52·3	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	80·6	84·0

CANNON ASSURANCE LTD.
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	198·6	Income	240·5	255·9
[illegible]	166·7	Far East	136·6	145·2
[illegible]	91·0	North American	133·7	142·2
[illegible]	176·6	Growth	210·3	225·7

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP. 01-283 1968.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
21·6	20·3	Gilt & Fix. In.	19·4	20·8
[illegible]	36·5	High Income	40·4	43·3
[illegible]	32·1	Inc & Grth	38·4	41·2
[illegible]	27·2	Special	35·0	37·4
[illegible]	53·3	International	63·8	68·4
[illegible]	29·5	Global	35·4	38·0
[illegible]	39·8	American	50·4	53·9
[illegible]	20·6	Australian	19·2	20·6
[illegible]	25·4	Japan	29·6	30·6

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH. (0272) 277719.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	25·0	General Equity	27·5	29·3
[illegible]	25·0	Equity High Inc.	28·1	29·9
[illegible]	24·3	Gilt & Fixd IntGrth	23·5	25·0
[illegible]	24·4	Indexed Secs.	23·8	25·4

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·7	125·6	Growth Fund	162·1	170·6

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	139·2	Capital Trust	213·8	227·4
[illegible]	177·4	Growth Invest. Tst	217·9	231·8
[illegible]	80·1	Income Trust	98·8	105·1
[illegible]	119·7	Portfolio Invest. Fd	140·6	147·2

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown Life House, Woking GU21 1XW. (04862) 24933

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	163·8	Crown High Inc. Tst	164·2	175·6
[illegible]	131·7	Crown Growth Trust	161·7	172·9
[illegible]	87·9	Crown AmericanTst.	116·6	124·7

E.T.M. UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh, EH3 7JB. 031-226 3492 (Dealers).

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	81·5	Gwth & Inc.Fd.	99·1	106·0
[illegible]	134·8	Int Fd.	178·6	191·0
[illegible]	90·7	Tokyo Fd.	114·4	122·4
[illegible]	60·7	American Fd.	76·8	82·1
[illegible]	44·5	Capital Fd.	60·8	65·0
[illegible]	67·9	High Dist. Fd.	79·7	85·2
[illegible]	22·7	Gen Fd.	26·7	28·5
[illegible]	21·5	Smaller Jap. Comps.	24·6	26·3

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. 061-236 5685.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	225·8	Equitable Pelican	273·0	290·5
[illegible]	50·8	Far Eastern	52·2	55·5
[illegible]	48·5	Gilt & Fixed Int.	46·5	49·6
[illegible]	50·0	High Income	51·8	55·2
[illegible]	50·0	North American	57·1	60·8
[illegible]	50·0	Special Sit	51·6	54·9
[illegible]	50·0	Tees of Inv Tst.	56·6	60·1

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 33377.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	93·6	UK Growth Tst. Acc.	111·4	117·5
[illegible]	86·4	UK Growth Tst. Inc.	101·4	107·8
[illegible]	112·4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	163·4	173·8
[illegible]	101·5	Higher Inc Tst. Inc	133·0	146·2
[illegible]	76·3	Gilt & Fxd Int Tst Acc.	84·9	88·5
[illegible]	71·3	Gilt & FxdInt Tst Inc.	75·8	78·8
[illegible]	99·9	North Am Tst Acc	146·8	156·1
[illegible]	76·0	Far East Tst Acc	103·8	107·9
[illegible]	49·3	Europe Fd Acc	86·5	96·8
[illegible]	152·8	General Tst	169·5	231·5

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY. 0732 362222

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	69·3	American Trust	97·0	103·2
[illegible]	25·0	Amer Eqty IncomeTst	34·7	37·0
[illegible]	42·2	American Spec Sit Tst.	57·9	61·7
[illegible]	51·6	Japan Trust	91·4	97·3
[illegible]	21·7	Japan Spec Sits Tst	27·5	29·3
[illegible]	41·4	Max. Inc. Equity Tst.	54·6	58·1
[illegible]	71·6	Special Situations Tst	98·9	105·3
[illegible]	25·0	South East Asia Tst	29·2	31·1
[illegible]	26·7	Gilt & Fixed Int Tst	28·2	29·1
[illegible]	50·4	Growth & Income Tst	67·6	71·9
[illegible]	64·0	Managed Intnat Tst.	87·7	93·4

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 R0BA. 01-623-4680.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	47·3	F&C American Fd	78·8	80·0
[illegible]	76·6	F&C Capital Fd.	98·5	105·2
[illegible]	40·6	F&C Far East Fd	53·9	56·7
[illegible]	30·0	F&C Fixed Int Fd	29·9	31·0
[illegible]	51·0	F&C Income Fd	60·6	64·9
[illegible]	49·6	F&C Nat Res Fd	58·8	62·9
[illegible]	49·9	F&C Overseas Inc Fd	59·6	63·8

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ. 01-628-5181.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	158·1	American&Gen Fd	206·0	219·0
[illegible]	160·8	American&GenAccFd	220·0	234·2
[illegible]	151·4	Americn Turnarnd Fd	202·2	215·0
[illegible]	154·8	Americn Turnrnd Acc	206·6	219·5
[illegible]	107·4	Capital Tst.	145·4	154·6
[illegible]	122·6	Capital Tst. Acc.	169·6	180·4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income Tst	73·6	80·0
[illegible]	125·6	Intl Growth Fd	150·2	159·6
[illegible]	127·4	Intl. Growth Fd.Acc.	164·4	174·9
[illegible]	44·4	Japan & Gen. Fd.	58·0	62·6
[illegible]	00·0	Japan & Gen. Acc.	59·2	62·8
[illegible]	77·0	Recovery Tst.	97·2	103·2
[illegible]	80·0	Recovery Tst. Acc.	105·0	109·4
[illegible]	83·2	Extra Inc. Tst.	109·2	116·0
[illegible]	85·2	Extra Inc. Acc.	111·0	118·0
[illegible]	66·2	Conv. & Gilt Tst.	74·2	76·8
[illegible]	50·0	Monthly Inc. Fd.	54·6	58·0

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey. Tel: 0306 885055

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	97·7	Fixed Int Dist	98·8	104·6
[illegible]	101·3	Fixed Int Acc	105·3	111·8
[illegible]	126·3	Equity Units Dist	126·1	135·1
[illegible]	200·9	Equity Units Acc.	251·5	266·1
[illegible]	95·5	Stewardship Dist	120·5	121·7
[illegible]	95·5	Stewardship Acc.	127·5	126·7

G & A TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·1	70·5	G & A	86·9	92·1

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ. 01-283-2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	115·6	G.T. European Fund	144·2	154·3
[illegible]	65·1	G.T. FarEast&GenFd	84·2	91·1
[illegible]	52·0	G.T. Income Fund	63·0	67·4
[illegible]	64·0	G.T. Internatnl. Fd.	113·6	121·5
[illegible]	112·6	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	151·7	162·0
[illegible]	97·9	G.T. Liquid Reserve	98·6	107·2
[illegible]	110·5	G.T. Pension Exempt	143·5	150·3
[illegible]	63·1	G.T. Tech & Grth Fd	85·4	93·5
[illegible]	54·0	G.T. UK Capital Inc.	67·0	71·7
[illegible]	57·3	G.T. UK Capital Acc.	93·5	100·0
[illegible]	42·4	G.T. U.S. & Gen. Fd.	53·5	57·3

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP. 01-623 1212. Unit dealing: 01-623 5766.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	66·5	American Trust	91·8	97·7
[illegible]	17·6	Australian Trust	18·9	20·1
[illegible]	36·5	British Trust (Acc)	62·0	64·2
[illegible]	31·3	British Trust (Dist)	55·6	59·1
[illegible]	61·6	Commodity Share Tst	71·5	75·6
[illegible]	21·9	European Trust	27·9	29·7
[illegible]	29·9	Extra Income Trust	36·5	38·9
[illegible]	54·0	Far Eastern Trust	66·5	70·8
[illegible]	24·8	Fixed Interest Trust	24·0	25·6
[illegible]	25·0	Gilt Trust	25·0	26·1
[illegible]	88·6	Global Fund (Acc)	114·5	121·9
[illegible]	85·3	Global Fund (Dist)	110·0	117·1
[illegible]	16·5	Gold Share Trust	16·9	18·0
[illegible]	88·1	High Income Trust	98·9	105·3
[illegible]	17·3	Hong Kong Trust	30·4	32·4
[illegible]	35·5	Income Fund	46·0	49·0
[illegible]	50·0	Japan Trust	74·2	78·9
[illegible]	33·1	Oil & Energy Trust	36·5	38·5
[illegible]	54·5	Special Sits Trust	68·9	73·3
[illegible]	38·2	UK Small Co Rec Tst	44·1	46·9

GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8 Lovat Lane, EC3 8DT. 621 1212.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·2	48·6	Granville Capital	46·6	50·9

GRIEVESON MANAGEMENT BARRINGTON FUNDS
59 Gresham Street, London, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	89·7	Gen Fd Inc	115·5	122·4
[illegible]	117·5	Gen Fd Acc	153·8	162·9
[illegible]	48·5	High Yield Fd Inc	65·5	69·3
[illegible]	82·6	High Yield Fd Acc	117·4	124·3
[illegible]	213·3	Smaller Co's Fd Inc	296·4	313·8
[illegible]	241·3	Smaller Co's Fd Acc	310·2	330·0
[illegible]	73·0	Pacific Fd Inc	99·8	105·1
[illegible]	80·2	Pacific Fd Acc	111·7	118·3
[illegible]	199·6	Nrth Am Fd Inc	255·0	267·8
[illegible]	213·7	Nth Am Fd Acc	289·9	304·5
[illegible]	191·5	European Fd Inc	249·6	261·8
[illegible]	104·8	Gilt Yield Fd Inc	106·5	108·7
[illegible]	141·3	Gilt Yield Fd Acc	145·1	151·9
[illegible]	94·4	Japan Fd Inc	142·2	150·6
[illegible]	94·4	Japan Fd Acc	142·2	150·6

GROFUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pinners Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01 588 5317.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	50·0	American Tst.	79·7	85·9
[illegible]	50·0	Equity Tst.	66·4	71·1
[illegible]	50·0	European Tst.	57·6	61·7
[illegible]	50·0	Gilt Tst.	50·5	51·7
[illegible]	50·0	Japan Tst.	75·8	79·6

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS. 01.638 2020.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	192·1	Guardhill Tst.	220·3	236·3
[illegible]	111·3	Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst	112·3	116·7
[illegible]	113·1	Growth Equity Tst.	148·3	157·6
[illegible]	92·9	North American Tst.	134·0	142·6
[illegible]	108·3	Pacific Tst.	142·8	152·0
[illegible]	125·3	Smaller Co's Tst.	187·1	197·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property Share Tst.	148·4	158·5
[illegible]	96·0	European Tst.	119·3	126·7

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 227300.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	50·0	Canadian	48·0	51·2
[illegible]	59·2	Equity Income	58·6	62·4
[illegible]	36·6	European	55·0	58·5
[illegible]	78·1	Japan & Far East	75·4	80·2
[illegible]	57·6	North American	63·3	67·5
[illegible]	62·0	Scandinavian	61·1	65·0
[illegible]	78·3	Smaller Companies	79·6	84·7

HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	56·6	Australian	63·9	67·2
[illegible]	36·3	Capital Growth	46·6	49·8
[illegible]	40·6	Capital Growth (Acc)	52·5	56·1
[illegible]	80·6	European	121·7	129·6
[illegible]	73·3	Japan	89·6	95·5
[illegible]	105·2	High Income	121·4	129·5
[illegible]	60·3	Income & Assets	73·0	78·0
[illegible]	94·4	International	118·0	126·3
[illegible]	99·6	North American	148·6	158·1
[illegible]	97·0	Extra Income	117·5	125·7
[illegible]	40·5	American Small Co's	57·6	61·6
[illegible]	52·6	Pacific Smaller Co's	56·1	59·7
[illegible]	81·0	Income & Growth	102·1	109·2
[illegible]	146·3	Income & Grth (Acc)	189·5	202·5
[illegible]	79·2	Special Sits	94·1	100·6
[illegible]	108·0	Special Sits (Acc)	129·6	138·6
[illegible]	66·5	Smaller Co's Divid.	73·2	78·2
[illegible]	54·0	Fixed Interest	51·9	54·8
[illegible]	80·1	Global Tech.	102·6	109·3
[illegible]	45·2	Global Healthcare	57·6	61·7
[illegible]	91·3	American Recovery	130·9	139·3
[illegible]	76·5	Japan Special Sits	96·5	102·5
[illegible]	49·3	Nth. American Exmt	88·0	92·1
[illegible]	74·5	Japan Exempt	87·0	91·1
[illegible]	69·9	Smaller Co's Exmt	91·4	95·2
[illegible]	56·6	Financial	69·5	74·5
[illegible]	72·1	Oil & Natural Res.	82·7	87·1
[illegible]	45·4	Pref. & Gilt	46·8	50·1
[illegible]	64·1	Recovery	73·9	79·0
[illegible]	83·6	Gilt	94·0	96·6
[illegible]	42·1	Singapore & Malay'n	44·4	47·5
[illegible]	229·6	Worldwide	262·1	275·9
[illegible]	117·7	Pacific Exempt	159·6	166·7
[illegible]	57·5	Global Tech Exmt	77·1	80·5
[illegible]	71·7	High Income Exmt	91·5	95·3
[illegible]	215·9	European Exmt Tst.	260·4	271·2
[illegible]	50·0	European Small Co's	48·4	50·9

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGRS.
45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. 01-628 8011.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	328·7	British Tst	392·6	417·9
[illegible]	61·0	Capital Tst.	75·2	80·1
[illegible]	141·7	Dollar Tst	174·9	185·1
[illegible]	45·3	European Tst	63·3	67·4
[illegible]	72·6	Far East	98·5	104·8
[illegible]	202·4	Financial Tst	244·3	259·9
[illegible]	35·4	Gilt & Fix Int	36·3	37·8
[illegible]	43·1	High Yld. Tst	47·4	50·5
[illegible]	47·0	Inc. Tst.	57·7	61·4
[illegible]	78·8	Intnl. Tst	102·0	108·8
[illegible]	22·7	Jap. Tech. Tst.	31·5	33·5
[illegible]	39·9	Small Co's Tst	49·5	52·6
[illegible]	49·8	Special Sits	76·7	81·7
[illegible]	26·6	Gilt & Fix Int	27·0	28·8
[illegible]	31·1	Nat. Res. Tst	33·8	36·0
[illegible]	103·8	Secs. Tst.	134·6	143·2

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.
20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 01-623 8000.

Off-Shore Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	172·6	UK Equity Grth Inc	201·6	217·0
[illegible]	272·7	UK Equity Grth Acc	326·7	352·9
[illegible]	126·8	Fd of Inv. Tst. Inc.	158·0	170·7
[illegible]	156·3	Fd of Inv. Tst. Acc.	193·9	209·4
[illegible]	101·2	Smaller Co's Inc	113·0	122·0
[illegible]	101·2	Smaller Co's Acc.	146·8	154·6
[illegible]	78·6	High Yield Inc	93·7	99·5
[illegible]	113·6	High Yield Acc.	144·2	152·9
[illegible]	48·4	American Grth. Inc.	54·2	57·5
[illegible]	43·4	American Grth. Acc.	54·8	58·1
[illegible]	44·4	Jap. Grth. Inc.	54·7	59·1
[illegible]	44·4	Jap. Grth. Acc.	55·4	59·1
[illegible]	41·7	Worldwide Tech Inc	45·8	48·8
[illegible]	41·0	Worldwide Tech. Acc	45·9	48·9
[illegible]	41·7	Intnl. Rec. Inc.	70·4	74·6
[illegible]	41·8	Intnl. Rec. Acc.	72·1	76·4

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT TST. MNGRS.) LTD
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	215·8	Equity Tst.	208·7	223·2
[illegible]	67·9	Gilt Tst.	65·3	68·1
[illegible]	62·5	Intnl. Mngd. Tst.	65·4	69·6

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
Registrar's Dept., Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex. 0903 502541. Dealing: 0444-459144.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
155·9	145·2	Balanced Unit Tst.	144·1	150·9
124·1	114·9	Extra Inc. Unit Tst.	116·2	122·1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc. Unit Tst.	196·8	208·0
[illegible]	95·7	Pacific Bas. Unit Tst	100·1	107·0
171·2	130·9	Worldwide Grth Unit Tst	160·1	171·2

LONDON & MANCHESTER (TST. MNGMT.) LTD.
London & Manchester (Tst. Mngmt.) Ltd, Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 215547.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	26·4	General Tst.	32·9	35·1
[illegible]	25·0	Inc. Tst.	25·7	27·4
30·6	25·0	Inthl. Tst.	28·7	30·6

LONDON LAW UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.
Bailey House, Old Seacoal Lane, London EC4. 01-236 6105.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
148·3	100·0	Capital Grth. Fd.	137·2	146·8

M & G GROUP P.L.C.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
219·6	128·6	American & Gen. Inc	206·8	219·2
[illegible]	145·8	American & Gen. Acc.	235·1	249·2
[illegible]	162·4	AmericanRecvy Inc.	240·7	255·1
[illegible]	172·5	AmericanRecvy Acc.	256·7	272·1
[illegible]	55·6	AmericanSmllCo's Inc	55·4	58·7
[illegible]	38·8	AmericanSmllCo's Acc	55·8	59·1
[illegible]	77·1	Aust. Asian & Gen. Inc.	85·2	89·9
[illegible]	85·0	Aust. Asian & Gen. Acc.	90·1	97·5
[illegible]	173·0	Commodity & Gen. Inc	196·4	208·2
[illegible]	215·7	Commodity & Gen. Acc	250·9	265·9
[illegible]	262·1	Compound Growth	311·2	329·9
[illegible]	209·0	Conv. Growth	263·9	279·7
[illegible]	120·6	Conv. Income	142·3	150·8
[illegible]	227·7	Dividend Inc.	281·5	299·4
[illegible]	593·4	Dividend Acc.	781·9	826·8
[illegible]	87·4	Euro & Gen Inc.	110·8	117·4
[illegible]	102·5	Euro & Gen Acc.	132·7	138·8
[illegible]	151·1	Extra Yield Inc.	159·4	169·0
[illegible]	283·8	Extra Yield Acc.	320·8	340·8
[illegible]	127·3	Far Eastn & Gen Inc.	159·3	168·9
[illegible]	150·9	Far Eastn & Gen Acc.	191·3	202·8
[illegible]	151·6	Fd of Inv Tst Inc.	190·9	202·4
[illegible]	227·6	Fd of Inv Tst Acc.	283·2	307·2
[illegible]	357·4	General Inc.	458·8	485·1
[illegible]	712·6	General Acc.	893·3	945·7
[illegible]	55·7	Gilt & Fixed Int Inc.	54·2	57·0
[illegible]	73·1	Gilt & Fixed Int Acc.	75·1	78·9
[illegible]	42·1	Gold & Gen Inc.	44·4	47·1
[illegible]	42·9	Gold & Gen Acc.	45·8	48·6
[illegible]	177·2	High Income Inc.	216·6	229·6
[illegible]	427·6	High Income Acc.	549·6	582·6
[illegible]	547·9	Int. Growth Inc.	638·4	676·7
[illegible]	840·4	Int. Growth Acc.	962·1	1,010·51
[illegible]	361·4	Japan & Gen Inc	489·5	518·9
[illegible]	386·6	Japan & Gen Acc.	522·4	553·7
[illegible]	47·8	Japan Smllr Co's Inc	63·8	67·6
[illegible]	47·8	Japan Smll Co's Acc	63·9	67·7
[illegible]	268·6	Midland & Gen Inc.	352·0	373·5
[illegible]	613·5	Midland & Gen Acc.	881·5	934·4
[illegible]	182·4	Recovery Inc	225·0	238·5
[illegible]	232·5	Recovery Acc	281·2	298·1
[illegible]	426·9	Second Gen Inc.	504·8	535·1
[illegible]	800·4	Second Gen Acc.	957·5	1,010·15
[illegible]	433·8	Smaller Co's Inc	496·2	526·0
[illegible]	623·2	Smaller Co's Acc.	757·3	802·7
[illegible]	274·2	Trustee Inc.	319·8	339·0
[illegible]	526·4	Trustee Acc.	867·6	919·7
[illegible]	226·5	Charifund Inc.	285·8	288·7
[illegible]	493·3	Charifund Acc.	685·7	692·6
[illegible]	101·5	Charibond Inc.	—	101·9
[illegible]	250·0	Charibond Acc.	—	274·7
[illegible]	30·4	N.A.A.C.I.F. Inc.	—	32·5
[illegible]	286·5	N.A.A.C.I.F. Acc.	—	340·4
357·0	274·9	Pension Exempt	339·7	355·0

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
57/41, Old Queen St., Westminster, London, SW1H 9JG. 01-222-0311.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	201·9	MLA Un Tst UK Gen	253·2	268·3
43·2	30·0	MLA Int Tst.	40·2	43·2
[illegible]	22·1	MLA Gilt Tst.	21·7	22·9
31·8	25·0	MLA Income Tst.	29·1	30·8

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St. George's Way, Stevenage. 0438 356101.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	82·4	Gilt & Fixed Int.	89·8	92·6
[illegible]	33·8	Growth Units	57·8	61·4
[illegible]	59·8	High Income Units	84·7	90·0
[illegible]	70·6	Int. Growth Units	95·0	100·0
[illegible]	50·0	Nth. American Units	71·0	75·4
[illegible]	50·0	Far East Units	64·4	68·5
[illegible]	50·0	U.K. Smaller Comp's	—	50·0

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
103 Oxford Street, Manchester M60 7HA. 061 236 9432.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	87·5	U.K. Equity Fund	105·4	112·5
[illegible]	94·5	Equity Inc Fund	114·0	121·5
[illegible]	100·0	International Fund	122·5	130·5

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Unicorn House, 252 Romford Road, London E7. 01-534-5544.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	86·6	Mencap	97·1	103·4

MERCURY FD MNGRS LTD
33 King William St., London EC4R 9AS. 01-280-2800. Deal: 01-280-2860.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	126·6	Gen. Fd. Dist	171·9	182·8
[illegible]	185·9	Gen. Fd. Acc	278·6	298·0
[illegible]	144·6	Intl. Fd. Dist	197·4	209·9
[illegible]	175·3	Intl. Fd. Acc	241·1	256·4
[illegible]	50·0	Gilt Fund Dist	50·2	50·8
[illegible]	50·0	Amer. Income Fund	47·0	50·0
[illegible]	62·0	Amer. Gwth. Fd Dis	85·1	90·5
[illegible]	62·0	Amer. Gwth. Fd. Acc	86·5	92·1
[illegible]	68·5	Jap. Fd. Dist	93·6	99·2
[illegible]	68·5	Jap. Fd. Acc	94·9	100·9
[illegible]	50·0	Euro. Fd. Dist	67·3	71·5
[illegible]	50·0	Euro. Fd. Acc	68·8	73·4
[illegible]	131·5	Exempt Fd. Dist	171·0	176·1
[illegible]	174·9	Exempt Fd. Acc	229·9	236·7
[illegible]	93·8	Rec. Fd. Dist	123·1	130·9
[illegible]	107·9	Rec. Fd. Acc	135·6	144·2
[illegible]	48·5	Inc. Fd. Dist	56·4	60·0
[illegible]	48·5	Inc. Fd. Acc	56·3	60·0

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Courtwood Hse., Silver St. Head, Sheffield S1 3RD. 0742 79842.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	50·0	Gilt & Fixed Int.	49·6	51·7
[illegible]	96·5	High Yield	114·2	121·5
[illegible]	89·7	Income	123·1	130·9
[illegible]	50·0	Japan & Pacific	68·6	73·0
[illegible]	50·0	North American	60·6	64·5
[illegible]	50·2	Capital	63·6	67·6
[illegible]	114·5	Commodity & Gen	136·9	145·6
[illegible]	46·0	Extra High Inc.	48·4	51·6
[illegible]	67·4	Overseas Growth	84·1	89·5
[illegible]	65·2	Smaller Co's	71·6	76·3

MINSTER FUND MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·2	74·6	The Minster Fd.	90·3	95·3

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS
11 Devonshire Square, EC2M 4YR.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	40·2	Gold & Prec's Metals	41·6	44·3
[illegible]	40·2	Gold & P. Metal Acc.	42·0	44·8
[illegible]	45·6	Japan Performance	63·3	67·5
[illegible]	45·6	Japan Perf'nce Acc.	63·5	67·8
[illegible]	44·2	U.K. M'ket Feat'res	50·2	53·5
[illegible]	44·2	U.K. M'ket F'tes Acc	50·0	53·3
[illegible]	46·7	U.S. Special Feat'es	72·7	77·5
[illegible]	46·7	U.S. Sp. Feat'es Acc	73·0	77·8
[illegible]	50·0	U.S. Special Income	56·9	60·6
[illegible]	50·0	U.S. Special In. Acc	57·3	61·1
[illegible]	223·3	Equity Exempt	288·0	300·7
[illegible]	226·8	Equity Exempt Acc.	351·9	367·4

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
163 Hope St, Glasgow G2. 041-221-5521.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
117·6	79·7	American Fd.	107·6	115·1
117·6	87·3	Euro Fd.	109·4	117·5
[illegible]	113·2	Smaller Co's Fd.	146·4	156·6

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 01-623 4200.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	117·8	Growth Tst Dist	155·2	165·0
[illegible]	179·7	Growth Tst Acc.	232·2	254·5
[illegible]	348·6	Overseas Tst. Dist.	458·6	488·2
[illegible]	412·9	Overseas Tst Acc.	545·9	577·7

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Grp. Tst. Fd.	917·1	965·4

OPPENHEIMER FUND MNGT LTD.
66 Cannon St., London EC4N 6AE. 01-236 3885.

Oppenheimer Trusts

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	71·7	Int. Grth	83·1	88·5
[illegible]	28·6	Income & Growth	39·0	41·7
[illegible]	42·4	Special Situations	48·4	51·8
[illegible]	29·6	American Growth	29·0	30·9
[illegible]	27·9	Japan Growth	35·2	37·5
[illegible]	25·0	European Growth	30·2	32·3
[illegible]	25·0	U.K. Growth	34·5	37·0
[illegible]	25·0	Pacific Growth	27·9	29·8
[illegible]	25·0	High Income	26·6	28·4

Practical. 01-623 8893.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	41·1	Income Units	42·4	45·3
[illegible]	58·1	Accum. Units	74·5	79·3

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS
252, High Holborn, London WC1V 7EB. 01-405-8441 EXT 4772.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	73·4	Gen Trust	90·9	96·8
[illegible]	119·4	Unit Accum	152·1	161·9
[illegible]	53·8	Growth Fund	64·3	68·5
[illegible]	77·7	Growth Accum	93·6	99·6
[illegible]	65·0	Income Fund	84·9	90·3

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
48 Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 2AZ. Tel: (0491) 576868.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	157·9	Growth Fund	177·4	190·4
[illegible]	101·6	Income Fund	129·1	138·2
[illegible]	80·5	Worldwide Recv. Fd	104·6	111·8
[illegible]	45·3	American Growth Fd	65·0	70·6
[illegible]	50·0	Intern. Em. Co's Fd	59·5	63·9

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS
222, Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 754477.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	95·8	Far Eastern	119·5	127·8
[illegible]	82·1	High Income	121·1	128·5
[illegible]	79·5	International	92·2	98·6
[illegible]	102·3	Special Situations	140·2	149·8
[illegible]	107·3	Technology	131·5	140·7
[illegible]	73·1	Gilt Capital	75·9	79·0
[illegible]	91·3	North American	124·2	133·1
[illegible]	50·0	Extra Income	57·1	60·7

PRUDENTIAL PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	136·6	Prudential Unit Trust	143·8	149·7
[illegible]	257·0	Hol.born Gilt Trust	316·6	336·0

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD
Garrard House, Gresham St, London, EC2V 7LH. 01-600 4177.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	151·6	Quadrant General	174·2	185·4
[illegible]	267·5	Quadrant Income	323·6	344·6
[illegible]	253·0	Quadrant Internat.	339·7	357·6
[illegible]	171·0	Quadrant Recovery	197·9	208·4

REED STENHOUSE INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
145 Borough High St, London SE1 1NU. Tel. 01-638 6011. Telex 29193.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101·4	98·6	Wellington Gwth Fd	98·13	109·73

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	107·6	British Life	125·9	133·1

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	221·7	N.C. America Inc.	265·5	268·9
[illegible]	235·0	N.C. America Acc.	271·4	285·6
[illegible]	159·9	N.C. Energy Resc. Tst	187·8	197·5
[illegible]	241·9	N.C. Income Fund	320·7	357·5
[illegible]	98·5	N.C. Jap Fd	151·6	158·3
[illegible]	95·3	N.C. Smaller Co's	106·0	111·5

ROWAN UNIT TST MNGT LTD.
7 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 01-606 1066.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	160·5	American Fd	197·0	211·0
[illegible]	435·0	Secs. Fd.	521·0	536·0
[illegible]	212·6	Merlin Fd	266·0	274·0
[illegible]	98·5	High Yield Fd	125·0	128·5
[illegible]	112·5	High Int Fd	116·0	117·0
[illegible]	132·0	Fixed Int Fd	144·0	145·0
[illegible]	105·5	Far East Fd	141·0	145·5

ROYAL LIFE FD MNGT LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051-227 4422.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·0	37·1	Equity Tst	46·0	48·9
[illegible]	44·7	Int Tst	61·8	65·7
27·5	24·4	Gilt Tst	24·4	25·6
[illegible]	21·9	U.S. Tst	30·4	32·3
27·9	25·0	Pac Basin Tst	26·3	27·9

THE ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal London House, Colchester, CO1 1RA. (0206) 576115.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	110·9	Cap Acc Tst	136·4	145·0
[illegible]	49·8	American Growth	76·6	81·0
[illegible]	48·8	Gilt Inc	48·7	51·7
[illegible]	48·5	High Inc	54·9	57·4
[illegible]	49·7	Inc & Growth	62·4	66·4
[illegible]	52·9	Special Sits	70·8	76·6

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Hexagon House, 28 Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708-66966.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	49·9	American IncGrowth	65·2	69·5
[illegible]	69·3	Capital Units	80·1	94·2
[illegible]	46·6	Commodity Share	58·2	61·9
[illegible]	46·0	Energy Inds	56·3	59·9
[illegible]	46·6	Euro Growth	57·0	63·6
[illegible]	52·2	Financial Secs	65·9	70·4
[illegible]	52·1	Gilt & FI Inc	51·5	54·1
[illegible]	102·5	High Return	126·1	134·1
[illegible]	90·2	High Yield	112·0	119·1
[illegible]	63·6	Income Units	74·2	78·8
[illegible]	58·1	Inv Tst Units	70·5	75·1
[illegible]	42·4	Japan Growth	56·9	60·5
[illegible]	62·5	Japan Small Co's	86·0	91·9
[illegible]	84·7	New Tech Fd	111·5	118·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scotbits	91·4	97·7
[illegible]	105·3	Scotshares	118·6	126·1
[illegible]	85·9	Scotyields	104·7	111·3
[illegible]	49·7	Select Int	62·6	66·9
[illegible]	94·4	Smaller Co's Inc	111·6	118·8
[illegible]	70·8	South East Asia	102·2	108·7
[illegible]	58·1	Special Sits	72·5	77·3
[illegible]	105·2	UK Equity	130·2	138·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Growth	70·5	74·9
[illegible]	56·3	Universal Growth	70·5	75·0

SCHRODER UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Regal House, 14 James St. WC2. 0705 827733.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	91·1	Amer Fd Inc	119·8	127·7
[illegible]	91·6	Amer Fd Acc	121·0	128·9
[illegible]	59·1	Aust Fd Inc	59·8	63·7
[illegible]	62·1	Aust Fd Acc	63·5	67·7
[illegible]	53·5	Euro Fd Inc	64·2	68·4
[illegible]	53·6	Euro Fd Acc	65·0	69·2
[illegible]	101·3	Inc Fd Inc	125·6	133·8
[illegible]	203·8	Inc Fd Acc	264·7	282·1
[illegible]	71·2	Intnl Fd Inc	91·6	97·6
[illegible]	98·1	Intnl Fd Acc	125·4	133·6
[illegible]	50·0	Jap Sml Co's Fd Inc	65·5	66·6
[illegible]	86·5	Sml Co's Fd Inc	104·1	110·9
[illegible]	88·0	Sml Co's Fd Acc	107·4	114·4
[illegible]	70·0	Special Sits Fd Inc	78·8	84·0
[illegible]	71·6	Special Sits Fd Acc	92·6	98·6
[illegible]	99·7	Tokyo Fd Inc	128·0	136·1
[illegible]	99·6	Tokyo Fd Acc	128·6	137·0
[illegible]	69·9	UK Equity Fd Inc	76·6	81·6
[illegible]	91·4	UK Equity Fd Acc	114·5	122·0
[illegible]	391·5	Pen & Charity Fd Inc	544·9	580·7
[illegible]	489·2	Recovery Fd Inc	576·8	614·9
[illegible]	822·0	Spec Exempt Fd Inc	19·17	10·62
[illegible]	51·2	Gilt & Fixd Int Fd Inc	50·0	52·7
[illegible]	68·1	Gilt & Fixd Int Fd Acc	69·3	73·1
[illegible]	41·1	Gold Fd Inc	42·7	45·5
[illegible]	41·1	Gold Fd Acc	42·7	45·5
[illegible]	73·1	Sing & Maly Fd Inc	78·9	84·1
[illegible]	73·0	Sing & Maly Fd Acc	79·9	85·1
64·0	46·7	U.S. Sml Co's Fd Acc	60·1	64·0

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Box 273, St. Peter Port, Guernsey. (0481) 28750.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
1·118	0·983	American Fund	1·048	1·112
[illegible]	[illegible]	Am. Smaller Co's Fd	$1,072	$1,146
[illegible]	86·4	Australian Fund	76·6	81·9
[illegible]	109·0	British Fund	101·4	106·4
[illegible]	101·5	European Fund	107·3	114·7
[illegible]	84·1	Gold Fund	93·8	98·2
[illegible]	101·0	Hong Kong Fund	120·8	128·5
[illegible]	100·5	Internat'onal Fund	108·6	115·1
[illegible]	101·5	Japanese Fund	103·2	119·3
[illegible]	101·3	Jap. Smaller Co's Fd	99·3	106·3
[illegible]	101·2	Singapore & Mal. Fd	103·4	110·5
[illegible]	1·006	Dollar Fixed Int'est	$0,964	$1,036
[illegible]	92·1	Sterling Fixed In'est	92·7	99·4
[illegible]	5·002	Deutschemark Curr'cy	—	5·044
[illegible]	100·1	Dollar Currency	—	1·017
[illegible]	100·1	Sterling Currency	—	1·021
[illegible]	200·1	Yen Currency	—	202·4
[illegible]	100·3	Managed Currency	97·8	104·6

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MANAGERS LTD.
31, St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031 556 9101.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	102·3	Income Units	122·0	129·8
[illegible]	144·4	Accum. Units	174·2	185·4

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 6321.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
106·1	99·3	Gilts & Fixed Int'est	95·2	101·3
128·5	100·0	U.K. Equity	118·6	126·4

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD
29 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HA. 031 226 4372.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
35·0	25·3	World Growth Fd	32·7	35·0
[illegible]	25·0	Pacific Fd.	38·4	41·3
[illegible]	26·9	Income Fund	33·2	35·6
36·0	24·2	Nth. American Fd.	33·3	35·7

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MANAGEMENT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·5	159·6	Pegasus Equity	192·9	205·3

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St., Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	129·6	Income Units	180·3	193·3
[illegible]	146·8	Accum. Units	192·2	205·9

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham. 0403 56295.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	248·9	Equity	305·3	324·7
61·9	49·3	North America	58·2	61·9
58·1	50·0	Far East	53·1	56·4

TSB UNIT TRUST
PO Box 3, Keens' Hse, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264-62188 Dealings: 0264-63432-3.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	93·8	Gen Inc	118·3	125·9
[illegible]	147·0	Gen Acc	187·3	199·5
[illegible]	194·0	Intl Inc	201·1	214·0
[illegible]	232·1	Intl Acc	256·1	272·4
[illegible]	134·2	Inc Inc	155·1	165·1
[illegible]	176·2	Inc Acc	229·1	243·8
[illegible]	91·3	Pacific Inc	123·0	130·9
[illegible]	92·7	Pacific Acc	125·1	133·1
[illegible]	78·6	American Inc	107·9	114·8
[illegible]	72·9	American Acc	114·2	121·5
[illegible]	42·2	Selected Opps Inc	46·1	49·1
[illegible]	42·2	Selected Opps Acc	46·4	49·5
[illegible]	75·4	Extra Inc Inc	83·5	89·0
[illegible]	84·4	Extra Inc Acc	93·1	99·0
[illegible]	44·9	Gilt & Fix Int Inc	45·1	47·0
[illegible]	51·2	Gilt & Fix Int Acc	53·4	55·7
[illegible]	49·7	Natural Res Inc	54·3	57·8
[illegible]	49·7	Natural Res Acc	54·3	57·8

TARGET TST MNGRS LTD
Target Hse, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	51·1	Amer Eagle Fd	79·6	85·1
[illegible]	74·3	Equity Fd	97·5	104·0
[illegible]	150·3	Fin Fd	195·0	205·9
[illegible]	53·8	Gold Fd	69·2	73·6
[illegible]	114·2	Gold Fd Acc	124·0	132·3
[illegible]	44·5	Income Fd	55·6	59·7
[illegible]	39·3	Japan Fd	48·9	52·2
[illegible]	50·9	Pacific Fd	73·3	78·4
[illegible]	60·7	Pacific Fd. Acc	88·9	95·1
[illegible]	14·9	Pref. Share Fd	14·7	15·9
[illegible]	88·1	Worldwide Cap. Fd.	116·1	123·8
[illegible]	28·9	Australia Fd.	30·9	33·0
[illegible]	85·6	Commodity Fd	99·0	106·5
[illegible]	45·3	Energy Fd.	49·2	52·6
[illegible]	81·6	Extra Inc. Fd.	95·0	100·3
[illegible]	187·0	Gilt Cap. Fd.	203·0	212·6
[illegible]	101·1	Gilt Inc. Fd.	98·6	101·2
[illegible]	82·4	Inv. Tst. Fd.	105·7	112·7
[illegible]	28·7	Malaysia & Sing. Fd.	30·8	32·9
[illegible]	337·3	Professional Fd.	458·1	480·9
[illegible]	61·2	Special Sits. Fd.	79·8	85·4
[illegible]	41·9	Technology Fd	50·5	54·0
[illegible]	46·8	U.S. Special Bond Fd	52·1	55·7
[illegible]	450·2	Equity Exempt Fd	585·6	622·5
[illegible]	807·5	Equity Exempt Fd Ac	1,110·50	1,111·18

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TST MNGRS
Electra Hse, Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 3HP. 01-836-7766.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	36·2	Gilt Tst.	36·3	37·5
[illegible]	39·1	High Inc. Tst.	40·2	43·1
[illegible]	86·9	Nth. American Tst.	118·9	127·5
[illegible]	91·9	Recovery Tst.	105·1	111·8
[illegible]	55·9	St. Vinc't High. IncTst.	65·0	67·1
[illegible]	50·0	St. Vinc't Us.GrthT	78·7	82·0

TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
Mermaid House, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 01-236-6565.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	33·0	Inc. & Growth Fd	42·1	45·3
[illegible]	30·7	Overseas Growth Fd.	48·4	45·0
[illegible]	28·0	American Growth Fd.	28·0	31·2
[illegible]	27·1	General Growth Fd.	36·0	38·3
[illegible]	25·0	Global Tech Fd	35·1	36·1
[illegible]	25·0	Inc. Monthly Fd	36·9	38·9
[illegible]	25·0	Smaller Co's Fd	35·1	38·1
[illegible]	25·0	Special Opp. Fd	34·3	36·4

TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES COMPANY LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	283·8	Colonies (Inc.)	376·7	394·3
[illegible]	458·7	Colonies (Acc.)	595·0	622·7
[illegible]	95·8	S.& W. American Tst.	152·4	159·7

TYNDALL MANAGERS LIMITED
18 Canynge Road, Bristol. 0272 732241.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	228·8	Capital Fd.	260·6	276·4
[illegible]	376·8	Capital Acc	446·0	472·6
[illegible]	199·2	Exempt Fd	221·6	226·4
[illegible]	387·8	Exempt Acc	451·8	461·2
[illegible]	35·8	High Yield Fd.	39·4	42·0
[illegible]	64·1	High Yield Acc	79·9	84·6
[illegible]	143·6	Income Fd	165·0	176·0
[illegible]	385·2	Income Acc	478·8	507·6
[illegible]	51·5	Australian Secs.	65·1	70·4
[illegible]	62·7	Australian Acc	67·8	72·6
[illegible]	45·4	Euro Grth Fd.	51·1	54·5
[illegible]	114·6	Far East Fd.	139·0	149·2
[illegible]	120·0	Far East Acc.	147·5	158·1
[illegible]	32·4	Fin & Prop Fd	36·6	38·9
[illegible]	47·8	Fin & Prop Acc	53·3	56·4
[illegible]	108·4	Gilt Cap. Fd.	—	108·9
[illegible]	112·4	Gilt Cap Acc	117·3	122·0
[illegible]	100·6	Gilt Inc Fd	100·7	104·5
[illegible]	139·9	Gilt Inc Acc	146·0	151·5
[illegible]	108·4	Intl Earn Fd	121·5	129·2
[illegible]	148·6	Intl Earn Acc	180·0	194·0
[illegible]	53·3	Intnl Grth Fd	63·2	67·1
[illegible]	53·6	Intnl Grth Acc	64·4	68·6
[illegible]	60·6	Japan Grth Fd	75·2	80·2
[illegible]	177·6	Nat Res Fd	205·4	218·8
[illegible]	346·6	Nat Res Acc	388·6	377·4
[illegible]	95·0	Nth Amer Grth Fd	117·1	125·4
[illegible]	127·7	Nth Amer Grt Acc	133·2	142·8
[illegible]	104·6	Pref Fd	100·2	108·8
[illegible]	226·0	Pref. Acc.	233·4	248·8
[illegible]	251·6	Scot. Inc. Fd.	299·6	319·2
[illegible]	268·0	Scot. Inc. Acc.	317·2	338·0
[illegible]	122·3	Small Cos Fd	139·2	148·8
[illegible]	158·3	Small Cos Acc	182·6	194·7
[illegible]	68·6	Special Sits Fd	79·3	85·1
[illegible]	68·2	Special Acc	80·8	86·1

WARBURG INVEST. MNGMT. (IOM) LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
64·8	55·1	Merc. Isle of Man Fd	60·1	64·0
46·4	39·4	Merc Intnl Bnd Fnd.	42·2	44·9

WARDLEY UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4RN. 626 4411.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	54·4	Japan Grth	72·8	78·3
[illegible]	50·2	American	73·5	79·1
[illegible]	42·4	Natural Resources	53·9	57·4
[illegible]	44·7	Far East & Gen.	71·4	76·0
[illegible]	41·9	Income	58·1	62·5
[illegible]	79·4	U.K.	95·5	101·5
[illegible]	82·6	Small Companies	107·1	115·2
[illegible]	30·4	Technology	30·2	33·3
[illegible]	33·3	Australia	39·3	42·3
[illegible]	25·0	European Growth	24·4	26·0

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.
13 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
25·0	18·4	Australian Gold Fd	17·3	18·4
29·5	22·2	Pacific Bas En Fd.	20·9	22·3

ANTHONY WIELER UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67·8	58·8	Growth Fd.	63·1	67·9
92·8	68·8	Growth Acc.	86·6	92·0

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Abbey Life House, 80 Holdenhurst Rd., Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202-292373.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
231·5	221·5	Prop. Ser. 1	214·4	225·7
[illegible]	68·0	Equity Ser. 1	81·3	85·6
[illegible]	282·6	Prop. Acc. Ser. 2	278·0	292·7
[illegible]	71·2	Equity Acc. Ser. 2	84·1	88·6
[illegible]	188·5	Selective Acc	204·7	215·5
[illegible]	192·5	Money Series 1	195·7	206·0
[illegible]	202·4	Conv. Ser. 1	209·9	221·0
[illegible]	286·5	Prop. Ser. 4	218·3	229·8
[illegible]	72·8	Equity Ser. 4	89·3	94·1
[illegible]	152·8	Fixed Int. Ser. 4	157·4	165·7
[illegible]	101·1	Indexed Inv. Ser. 4	109·6	115·4
[illegible]	170·5	American Ser. 4	240·8	252·7
[illegible]	173·2	High Inc. Ser. 4	215·2	226·5
[illegible]	144·9	Japan Ser. 4	220·0	212·6
[illegible]	256·7	Man. Ser. 4	285·9	312·6
[illegible]	154·7	Money Ser. 4	178·1	187·5
[illegible]	173·8	Convertible Ser. 4	178·5	188·8
[illegible]	222·5	Property S. 4 Cap	151·2	159·2
[illegible]	55·6	Equity Ser. 4 Cap	61·0	65·3
[illegible]	186·6	Managed S. 4 Cap	206·2	217·1
[illegible]	127·1	Money Ser. 4 Cap	122·9	129·4
[illegible]	145·6	Fixed Int. Ser. 4 Cap	146·3	154·1
[illegible]	92·5	Indexed Inv. S. 4 Cap	98·1	103·3
[illegible]	164·7	American Ser. 4 Cap.	222·8	234·9
[illegible]	168·7	High Inc Ser. 4 Cap	220·0	230·6
[illegible]	137·8	Japan Ser. 4 Cap	185·4	195·2

Pension Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	346·9	Property	345·5	363·8
[illegible]	452·2	Equity	545·4	574·1
[illegible]	193·4	Selective	218·0	229·4
[illegible]	314·5	Managed	480·0	505·3
[illegible]	271·0	Security	276·3	301·4
[illegible]	152·8	Fixed Int	160·0	168·5
[illegible]	104·6	Indexed Inv	111·7	117·6
[illegible]	134·3	American	191·3	201·4
[illegible]	151·5	Japan	196·6	207·0
[illegible]	212·5	Property Cap	201·5	212·2
[illegible]	276·0	Equity Cap	323·6	340·6
[illegible]	251·0	Managed Cap	279·9	294·7
[illegible]	167·8	Security Cap	164·5	173·2
[illegible]	125·3	Fixed Int. Cap	122·0	128·5
[illegible]	91·5	Indexed Inv. Cap	93·9	98·9
[illegible]	127·1	American Cap	171·2	180·3
[illegible]	142·9	Japan Cap	176·1	185·4
[illegible]	53·6	Moneywise Fndly Soc	61·5	65·5

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station Road, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts. 0707-42311.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	453·3	Life Equity	556·6	585·8
[illegible]	240·6	Life Fixed Int	243·1	255·9
[illegible]	141·0	Life Int. Fixed Int	153·7	161·8
[illegible]	128·4	Life Japanese	171·0	179·9
[illegible]	111·3	Life Nth. American	148·7	156·6
[illegible]	179·5	Life Property	188·2	198·1
[illegible]	210·6	Life Int. Managed	277·9	292·4
[illegible]	333·8	Life Multiple	421·5	415·6
[illegible]	651·8	Pension Equity	861·4	906·7
[illegible]	216·2	Pens. Int. Managed	365·6	384·8
[illegible]	346·1	Pension Multiple	694·1	731·6
[illegible]	181·0	Life European	127·6	134·2
[illegible]	180·7	Life Guarant'd money	181·3	190·6
[illegible]	101·6	Pension European	135·3	142·4
[illegible]	416·2	Pens'on Fixed Intl	429·0	451·6
[illegible]	266·7	Pen Guarant'd Money	277·9	292·5
[illegible]	116·4	Pension Nth America	163·8	172·4
[illegible]	135·3	Pension Japanese	191·5	201·5
[illegible]	245·6	Pension Property	265·9	279·9

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOC.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	105·3	Gold Plan cap.	103·1	108·6
[illegible]	105·3	Gold Plan acc.	103·5	109·0

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
252 Romford Rd., London E7 9JB. 01-534 5544

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	235·6	Barclaybond	280·9	295·7
[illegible]	259·7	Equity Acc.	317·1	333·8
[illegible]	249·2	Equity Init.	292·9	308·4
[illegible]	168·8	Gilt-Edged Acc.	175·5	184·8
[illegible]	156·3	Gilt-Edged Init.	163·6	172·3
[illegible]	156·4	International Acc.	215·5	226·9
[illegible]	150·6	International Init.	203·9	214·7
[illegible]	207·9	Managed Acc.	233·8	246·2
[illegible]	193·3	Managed Init.	221·6	233·5
[illegible]	197·2	Property Acc.	202·8	213·6
[illegible]	184·3	Property Init.	189·1	199·1
[illegible]	96·5	Equity Pen Acc.	107·3	113·0
[illegible]	96·3	Eq. Pen Init. (Ser. 2)	104·1	110·4
[illegible]	219·4	Gilt-Edged Pen Acc.	232·6	244·8
[illegible]	165·5	Gilt-Ed Pen Init (S 1)	176·2	185·5
[illegible]	98·6	Gilt-Ed Pen Init (S 2)	95·1	100·0

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	136·8	Managed Fund	167·8	176·7
[illegible]	107·2	Property Fund	105·0	111·5

CANNON ASSURANCE LTD
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Unit	—	[illegible]
[illegible]	527·0	Equity Acc.	—	613·9
[illegible]	339·3	Managed Acc.	—	435·6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property Unit	—	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bal. Bond Exec. Unit	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Bond Exec.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	124·01	Prop. Bond Exec.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	166·1	Sec. America Acc.	219·6	232·4
[illegible]	210·2	Sec. Equity Acc.	242·5	255·6
[illegible]	100·0	Sec. Far East Acc.	123·6	130·1
[illegible]	148·6	Sec. Gilt Acc.	150·2	158·1
[illegible]	152·3	Sec. Intl. Money Acc.	165·8	174·6
[illegible]	185·6	Sec. Managed Acc.	197·4	206·1
[illegible]	184·6	Sec. Property Acc.	187·4	197·3
[illegible]	225·4	Sec. Am. Pens. Acc.	332·9	350·4
[illegible]	296·4	Sec. Eq. Pens. Acc.	361·0	380·0
[illegible]	100·0	Sec. F. East Pens Acc.	127·6	134·4
[illegible]	196·0	Sec. Gilt Pens. Acc.	203·5	214·3
[illegible]	185·6	Sec. Int. Mon. P. Acc.	219·6	231·2
[illegible]	233·1	Sec. Man. Pens. Acc.	267·3	281·3
[illegible]	235·2	Sec. Prop. Pens. Acc	249·9	262·9
[illegible]	[illegible]	L.&E.S.I.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	162·2	Sec. High Inc. Acc.	206·6	216·6
[illegible]	127·4	Sec. High Inc. Pen. Ac	226·5	259·7

CITY OF EDINBURGH LIFE ASSURANCE
46 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. 031-225-1653.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
124·0	100·0	Ivory & Sime Bond	117·0	124·0

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTNL.
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. (0272) 290566

Assurance Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·0	Mixed	103·2	108·7
[illegible]	100·0	Equity	106·4	112·1
[illegible]	100·0	Property	96·1	101·2
[illegible]	92·9	Gilt & Fixed Int.	94·5	99·5
[illegible]	97·5	Indexed Secs	92·8	97·7
[illegible]	100·0	Cash	98·6	103·8
[illegible]	93·7	North American	109·5	115·3
[illegible]	92·4	Far East	98·4	103·6
[illegible]	97·2	International	106·1	111·7
[illegible]	99·3	Special Sits	107·7	113·4
[illegible]	99·7	International Inco's	109·1	114·9
[illegible]	99·6	American Income	111·7	117·6

Flexible Retirement Plan Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·0	Mixed	105·1	110·7
[illegible]	100·0	Equity	105·8	111·4
[illegible]	100·9	Property	97·3	102·5
[illegible]	99·1	Gilt & Fixed Int.	94·5	99·5
[illegible]	98·0	Index Linked	96·7	101·8
[illegible]	100·0	Cash	97·3	102·5
[illegible]	92·3	North American	111·8	117·7
[illegible]	93·7	Far East	101·2	106·6
[illegible]	96·1	International	106·7	112·3
[illegible]	99·8	Special Sits	110·6	116·5

E.I.P.P. Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	128·0	UK Equity	161·3	169·8
[illegible]	127·8	Overseas	173·7	182·9
[illegible]	123·0	Mixed	147·5	155·3
[illegible]	98·6	Stock Exchange	120·0	126·4
[illegible]	106·6	Property	112·0	118·6
[illegible]	110·9	Fixed Interest	116·8	123·0
[illegible]	92·4	Index Linked	96·8	101·8
[illegible]	111·0	Cash	115·5	121·6
[illegible]	95·6	North American	115·5	121·6
[illegible]	97·6	Far East	103·0	108·5
[illegible]	98·1	Special Sits	108·1	113·8

COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. 01-283 7500

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	136·3	Prime Life Mngd	177·8	187·2
[illegible]	151·36	Variable An. Acc Un.	—	203·13
[illegible]	35·10	Variable An. Ac Un.	—	43·41
[illegible]	138·3	Prime Life UK Eqty	180·4	189·9
[illegible]	132·3	Prime Life Intl Eqty	161·9	170·4
[illegible]	89·4	Prime Jap. Eqty	113·1	119·0
[illegible]	110·8	Prime Life Fix. Int	114·6	120·9
[illegible]	87·7	Prime Life In. Ld. Gilt	96·2	101·3
[illegible]	109·7	Prime Life Property	113·1	119·1
[illegible]	105·3	Prime Life Cash	107·2	112·9
[illegible]	100·0	Prime Pens. Mngd	155·8	164·1
[illegible]	100·0	Prime Pens. UK Eqty	149·3	157·2
[illegible]	99·7	Prime Pens. Intnl Eq	143·0	150·6
[illegible]	99·7	Prime Pens. Jap. Eqty	150·8	158·8
[illegible]	99·2	Prime Pens. Fix. Int	113·1	119·1
[illegible]	99·1	Prime Pens. In. Ld. Gilt	99·6	104·9
[illegible]	100·0	Prime Pens. Property	108·1	113·8
[illegible]	100·0	Prime Pens. Cash	105·9	111·5

CONFEDERATION LIFE INS. CO.
52 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE. 01-242 0282

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	396·1	Managed Fd	462·5	476·3
[illegible]	412·3	Equity Fd.	527·3	555·0
[illegible]	221·6	Personal Pen Mngd Fd	268·6	270·1
[illegible]	221·0	Managed Pen Fd	256·6	270·1
[illegible]	150·7	Fixed Int. Fd.	173·3	182·4
[illegible]	114·5	Property Fd.	113·2	119·2
[illegible]	142·3	Intnl. Fd.	171·8	180·8
[illegible]	100·0	Index Linked Fd.	105·6	111·2
[illegible]	116·1	Cash Deposit Fd.	114·3	120·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	E.I.P. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

CORNHILL INSURANCE PLC

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	351·0	Managed Fd.	402·0	425·5
[illegible]	155·5	Equity Fd.	184·3	192·6
[illegible]	100·0	Far Eastern Equity Fd	126·6	133·5
[illegible]	99·0	N. American Equity Fd	120·3	126·3
[illegible]	99·0	Intnl. Tech. Fd.	117·5	124·0
[illegible]	138·6	Fixed Interest Fd.	134·0	141·6
[illegible]	100·0	Property Fd.	102·6	107·5
[illegible]	124·5	Money Fd.	126·0	133·0

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP
Swan Court, Petersfield, Hants. 0730-63281

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·0	Criterion Man Fd	116·6	124·8
[illegible]	29·5	Pens. on Man. Cap	37·4	39·5
[illegible]	32·7	Pension Man Acc	40·9	43·0
—	—	Pen Gnteed Dep Cap	—	—
30·2	27·4	Pen Gnteed Dep Acc	28·7	30·2

CROWN LIFE
Crown Life Hse, Woking GU21 1XW. 04862-5033

Life Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	211·3	Managed Acc	242·7	255·4
[illegible]	178·8	Fixed Int. Acc.	184·3	194·0
[illegible]	234·7	Equity Acc.	270·0	284·2
[illegible]	150·8	Money Acc.	154·5	162·6
[illegible]	245·6	Inv Tst Acc.	302·5	318·4
[illegible]	196·8	Intl Acc.	248·8	261·9
[illegible]	188·5	High Inc Acc	275·1	289·5
[illegible]	149·8	Property Acc	158·9	167·1

Individual Pension Fds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	189·5	Managed Acc.	203·8	214·5
[illegible]	161·2	Fixed Int. Acc.	172·6	181·6
[illegible]	226·5	Equity Acc.	275·2	289·6
[illegible]	133·4	Money Acc.	141·1	148·5

Group Pension Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	226·2	Mixed	277·1	287·1
[illegible]	167·5	Fixed Int.	187·4	197·3
[illegible]	204·4	Equity	265·1	265·4
[illegible]	161·8	Money	181·1	191·1

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE MIDLAND ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	123·8	Eagle Midland Units	127·8	132·5

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP. 01-606 6611

"Previous day's prices"

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·2	Far Eastern	103·4	108·8
[illegible]	100·0	Fund of Inv. Tsts	107·1	112·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt & Fixed Int	94·8	99·8
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	133·7	140·8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed	99·8	105·1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Money	96·2	101·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	North American	110·9	116·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pelican	102·2	107·6
[illegible]	100·0	Property	96·0	101·0
[illegible]	100·0	Special Sits	102·8	108·2

Pension Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Far Eastern	105·7	111·3
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Fund o. Inv. Ts	110·3	116·3
[illegible]	93·5	Pens Gilt & Fix Int.	94·9	99·9
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. High Income	105·4	110·9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens. Managed	161·8	137·2
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Money	97·0	104·1
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Nth. American	115·7	121·8
[illegible]	99·2	Pens. Pelican	103·8	109·3
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Property	96·4	101·5
[illegible]	100·0	Pens. Special Sits.	104·6	110·1

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY PLC
Amersham Road, High Wycombe. 0494 33377

Life Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	276·6	UK Equities Fd.	328·7	346·0
[illegible]	228·6	Higher Income Fd.	279·1	293·7
[illegible]	222·7	Property Fd.	232·1	244·3
[illegible]	200·3	Fixed Interest Fd	196·3	206·5
[illegible]	96·1	Index Linked Secs F	103·4	108·6
[illegible]	155·4	Guaranteed Dep. Fd	157·2	165·4
[illegible]	180·4	North America Fd	258·7	270·2
[illegible]	143·5	Far East Fd.	120·5	165·9
[illegible]	106·2	Europe Fd.	129·1	135·6
[illegible]	170·3	International Fd.	219·5	231·0
[illegible]	262·4	Mixed Fd.	279·6	289·2

Ind. Pen. Funds Series 2: Series 1 on request.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	305·6	Equity Fund	372·6	392·4
[illegible]	204·1	Fixed Interest Fund	209·6	220·6
[illegible]	124·4	Ind. Linked Sec. Fd.	122·4	128·8
[illegible]	180·3	Property Fund	181·9	191·4
[illegible]	325·1	Overseas Fund	385·6	406·8
[illegible]	152·4	Cash Fund	174·7	183·8
[illegible]	285·5	Balanced Fund	277·4	292·9
[illegible]	160·0	Dep. Admin Fd Ser. 2	95·7	100·1
[illegible]	166·5	Dep. Admin Fd Ser. 1	182·6	191·5

FRAMLINGTON LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
53·9	50·2	Pension Managed Fd	50·6	53·6
50·0	50·0	Pension Cash Fd	50·0	50·0

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 885055

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	100·0	Cash Accum	104·8	110·4
[illegible]	112·2	UK Equity Accum	136·0	145·3
[illegible]	95·5	Stewardship Accum	118·1	125·5
[illegible]	101·2	Fixed Interest Acc.	105·0	110·6
[illegible]	88·1	Index Linked Accum	98·0	103·2
[illegible]	108·5	Mixed Accum	122·1	128·6
[illegible]	108·5	Overseas Equity Acc	127·4	134·2
[illegible]	105·3	Property Accum	112·9	118·9
[illegible]	105·0	Pen. Cash Accum	111·2	117·1
[illegible]	106·0	Pen. U.K. Equity Acc	137·6	144·9
—	—	Pen. Stewardship Acc	118·9	125·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pen. FixedInt Accum	111·2	117·1
[illegible]	100·6	Pen. I. L. Accum	98·6	103·8
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Mixed Accum	125·5	132·1
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Overseas Accum	142·2	152·1
[illegible]	100·3	Pen. Property Accum	105·1	110·7

GRE LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	138·5	Deposit Acc.	146·8	154·5
[illegible]	315·4	Equity Acc.	382·3	396·2
[illegible]	216·9	Fixed Interest Acc.	238·5	251·9
[illegible]	93·2	Index-LinkedGiltAc.	101·5	106·6
[illegible]	229·2	International Acc.	320·5	351·1
[illegible]	219·7	Managed Initial	255·8	269·4
[illegible]	246·0	Managed Acc.	292·8	308·3
[illegible]	96·4	North Amer. Acc.	132·6	139·8
[illegible]	123·5	Pacific Acc.	133·9	141·9
[illegible]	145·4	Property Acc.	141·4	148·9

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	97·57	Anchor Internation.	98·49	98·50

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202-767655

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	283·8	Managed Fund	355·1	356·3
[illegible]	164·8	Money Fund	168·0	176·8
[illegible]	232·2	Equity Fund	309·9	326·4
[illegible]	113·3	Fixed Interest Fund	116·6	122·1
[illegible]	139·6	Property Fund	145·0	152·6
[illegible]	279·9	Managed Pension Fd	317·5	334·2
[illegible]	175·6	Guar. Pensions Fd	216·5	226·1
[illegible]	172·4	Fixed Int Pens Fund	178·8	188·5
[illegible]	136·2	Property Pension Fd	140·7	148·1

GRESHAM/FRAMLINGTON FUNDS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	224·8	American&GenUL Fd	291·2	306·7
[illegible]	212·9	Income Fund	262·9	277·0
[illegible]	221·3	Internation.GrthFd	303·1	319·1
[illegible]	216·5	Capital Fund	290·7	306·3
[illegible]	156·0	Recovery Fund	190·2	200·3
[illegible]	99·0	Japan & General Fd	118·5	124·8

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
Allied Hambro Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28291

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	197·1	Fixed Int. Dep. Acc.	199·5	210·1
[illegible]	417·6	Equity Acc.	511·5	538·5
[illegible]	299·2	Property Acc.	292·8	308·2
[illegible]	100·0	Far East Acc.	110·0	115·8
[illegible]	350·0	Managed Acc.	421·1	443·3
[illegible]	271·5	O'seas Earnings Acc.	335·9	353·6
[illegible]	211·5	Gilt Edged Acc.	220·1	231·7
[illegible]	258·8	American Equity Acc	325·8	342·9
[illegible]	152·4	American Fd. Int. Acc.	164·4	172·1
[illegible]	147·9	American Prop. Acc.	160·6	168·1
[illegible]	190·3	Pen. F. I. Dep. Cap.	217·8	229·3
[illegible]	227·0	Pen. F. I. Dep. Acc.	283·1	298·0
[illegible]	266·3	Pen. Prop. Cap.	329·5	346·8
[illegible]	458·6	Pen. Prop. Acc.	565·9	595·7
[illegible]	348·5	Pen. Man. Cap.	519·5	546·9
[illegible]	711·6	Pen. Man. Acc.	844·7	889·2
[illegible]	190·9	Pen. Gilt Cap.	246·3	259·3
[illegible]	282·8	Pen. Gilt Acc.	336·2	354·0
[illegible]	575·3	Pen. Eq. Cap.	807·9	850·5
[illegible]	811·4	Pen. Eq. Acc.	996·8	1,049·3
[illegible]	89·3	Pen. Am. Eq. Cap.	141·8	149·2
[illegible]	92·4	Pen. Am. Eq. Acc.	142·6	150·1
[illegible]	93·3	Pen. Far East Cap.	128·5	135·3
[illegible]	96·0	Pen. Far East Acc.	128·3	135·1
[illegible]	97·3	Pen. B.S. Cap.	124·7	131·3
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. B.S. Acc.	127·3	134·0
[illegible]	166·9	Pen. DAF Cap.	172·6	181·6
[illegible]	204·9	Pen. DAF Acc.	232·0	244·2
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Mortgage Cap.	102·2	107·6
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Mortgage Acc.	105·2	110·8

HENDERSON UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
26 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA. 01-638 5757

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	149·7	Cap. Growth Fd.	187·1	197·3
[illegible]	185·1	Far East Fd.	241·1	254·1
[illegible]	197·2	Nth. Am. Fd.	273·4	287·8
[illegible]	181·7	Special Sits Fd.	216·3	227·7
[illegible]	125·9	Prime Res. Prop. Fd.	131·7	138·7
[illegible]	178·8	Managed Fd.	228·8	240·9
[illegible]	156·0	High Inc. Fd.	191·0	201·2
[illegible]	136·1	Tech. Fd.	191·9	200·9
[illegible]	92·1	Gilt Edged Fd.	98·9	104·1
[illegible]	91·3	Japan Fd.	124·9	131·5
[illegible]	79·1	Natural Res. Fd.	91·2	96·0
[illegible]	92·9	Man. Currency Fd.	101·1	106·4
[illegible]	97·3	Global HealthcareFd.	119·0	125·3
[illegible]	87·4	Prop. Fd.	118·6	122·6

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
NLA Tower, 12-16 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR9 2DR. 01-686 4355

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	155·1	Security Fd.	186·5	196·5
[illegible]	154·5	British Fd.	194·5	204·9
[illegible]	176·6	International Fd.	214·2	225·5
[illegible]	157·2	Dollar Fd.	187·4	197·3
[illegible]	152·8	Capital Fd.	186·7	196·6
[illegible]	155·3	Income Fd.	211·0	222·2
[illegible]	186·0	Property Fd. Ser. A	186·7	196·7
[illegible]	138·2	Financial Fd.	164·9	173·6
[illegible]	190·8	Managed Fd. Ser. A	274·6	225·9
[illegible]	145·5	High Yield Fd.	187·7	197·6
[illegible]	152·0	Money Fd. Ser. A	153·5	161·6
[illegible]	159·5	Equity Fd.	237·2	249·7
[illegible]	167·1	Fix. Int. Fd.	177·1	180·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index Sec. Fd.	102·8	108·2
[illegible]	127·6	European Fd	219·1	230·6
[illegible]	129·5	Nat. Res. Fd.	136·8	143·5
[illegible]	121·0	Far East Fd.	274·5	289·0
[illegible]	145·9	Smaller Co's Fd.	181·6	191·2
[illegible]	175·6	Spec. Sits. Fd.	195·3	205·6
[illegible]	121·7	Man. Curr. Fd.	127·4	134·2
[illegible]	99·9	Jap. Tech. Fd.	118·3	124·6
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Prop Ser A	126·6	130·3
[illegible]	100·0	Pen. Prop Ser C	100·3	105·6
[illegible]	98·3	Pen Man Ser A	114·0	120·0
[illegible]	98·1	Pen Man Ser C	115·4	121·6
[illegible]	100·0	Pen Fixed Ser A	95·0	100·5
[illegible]	100·0	Pen Fixed Ser C	98·1	103·5
[illegible]	97·6	Pen Equity Ser A	122·0	128·5
[illegible]	97·6	Pen Equity Ser C	118·3	124·6
[illegible]	96·8	Pen Fix Int Ser A	102·5	107·9
[illegible]	97·8	Pen Fix Int Ser C	100·3	105·6
[illegible]	96·5	Pen Ind Secs Ser A	96·8	101·9
[illegible]	97·5	Pen Ind Secs Ser C	97·7	102·8
[illegible]	98·5	Pen Intern'l Ser A	117·8	124·0
[illegible]	98·8	Pen Intern'l Ser C	115·3	121·4
[illegible]	96·4	Pen Dollar Ser A	115·4	121·6
[illegible]	96·4	Pen Dollar Ser C	115·6	121·8
[illegible]	96·0	Pen European Ser A	120·8	127·0
[illegible]	96·5	Pen European Ser C	117·9	124·1
[illegible]	95·8	Pen Far East Ser A	134·8	141·9
[illegible]	95·8	Pen Far East Ser C	133·8	140·9
[illegible]	98·8	Pen Man Curr Ser A	103·8	109·1
[illegible]	98·8	Pen Man Curr Ser C	101·8	107·0
[illegible]	100·0	Pen Bldg Soc Ser A	101·7	107·1
[illegible]	100·0	Pen Bldg Soc Ser C	99·7	105·0

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 571255

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·9	187·8	Growth Fd.	194·2	211·1

Unit-Linked Portfolio

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	172·3	Managed Fd.	194·0	204·2
[illegible]	157·6	Fixed Int. Fd.	185·3	195·0
[illegible]	151·0	Secure Cap. Fd.	151·8	159·9
[illegible]	248·3	Equity Fd.	345·9	375·5
[illegible]	148·2	Property Fd.	156·1	164·3

Pension Fd. Portfolio

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	174·4	Pens Man Fd Series 1	196·6	213·7
[illegible]	167·9	Pens Man Fd Series 2	196·6	—
[illegible]	167·9	Pens Man Fd Series 3	196·6	—
[illegible]	100·0	Pens Property Fund	96·3	101·4
[illegible]	97·4	Pens Gilt-Edged Fd	97·0	102·1
[illegible]	97·1	Pens Ind-Lkng Fd.	95·2	100·2
[illegible]	98·6	Pens Money Mkt Fd	99·5	104·8
[illegible]	100·0	Pens U. K. Equity Fd	102·4	107·8
[illegible]	100·0	Pens Intl Eq Fd	108·9	114·8

IMPERIAL LIFE (UK) LTD
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 571255

Imperial Investment Portfolio

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	104·1	Managed Fd.	112·6	118·7
[illegible]	94·4	Gilt-Edged Fd.	99·8	105·3
[illegible]	100·0	Property Fd.	120·1	126·4
[illegible]	97·8	High Yield Fd.	117·5	123·7
[illegible]	96·8	Money Mkt. Fd.	108·4	114·1
[illegible]	98·2	Ind-Link Gilt Fd.	96·9	102·0
[illegible]	100·0	U. K. Equity Fd.	131·1	138·0
[illegible]	100·0	Intl Equity Fd	135·3	142·4
[illegible]	98·8	Japan Fd.	117·8	124·7
[illegible]	92·0	N. American Fd.	114·8	120·8

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE PLC

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	189·2	Global Man.	226·0	240·0
[illegible]	427·0	Managed	480·3	505·6

KLEINWORT BENSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
20 Fenchurch St., London, E.C.3. 01-623 8000

Offshore Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Euroband Fd	17·95	18·11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Euro Acc Fd	20·31	20·69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Gilt Fd	11·21	11·27
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Intl Fd	—	22·67
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Jap Fd	—	59·69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Ob Amer Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pinnacle U.S.OFd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Sig Ster Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Transatlantic Fd Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Far E. Fd	14·21	14·67
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ben Sterling Asst Fd	17·205	17·71
[illegible]	153·9	Ben (Guernsey) Fd.	151·9	160·2

MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing. 0903-204631

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	113·2	U.K. Equity Acc	143·6	151·2
[illegible]	105·4	Special Sits Acc	120·8	127·2
[illegible]	101·6	Nth American Acc	154·6	162·7
[illegible]	99·5	Pacific Basin Acc	165·0	173·8
[illegible]	155·5	Fixed Int Acc	166·0	174·8
[illegible]	107·2	Property Acc	111·7	117·6
[illegible]	107·2	Deposit Acc	116·8	122·9
[illegible]	116·4	Managed Acc	146·8	154·6

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASSURANCE) LIMITED
8 Montefiore Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 724588

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	274·4	Equity Initial	359·3	377·2
[illegible]	336·6	Equity Accum	429·0	451·6
[illegible]	209·7	Fix. Int. Initial	213·5	224·8
[illegible]	266·5	Fix. Int. Accum	270·0	284·2
[illegible]	181·2	Intnl. Initial	224·4	236·3
[illegible]	221·4	Intnl. Accum	276·3	291·1
[illegible]	95·0	IndxLnkdGilt Initial	100·5	105·7
[illegible]	93·5	IndxLnkdGilt Acc	108·4	114·2
[illegible]	218·1	Managed Initial	267·4	281·5
[illegible]	265·5	Managed Accum	338·1	355·9
[illegible]	134·7	Property Initial	145·7	153·4
[illegible]	176·0	Property Accum	184·2	193·9
—	95·3	B. Soc. Linked Initial	95·4	100·5
—	99·0	B Soc Linked Accum	95·8	100·9
[illegible]	126·2	Cash Initial	128·2	135·1
162·6	157·4	Cash Accum	154·6	162·8

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT PENSIONS) LIMITED
Kingswood House, Kingswood, Surrey KT20 6EU. 07373 53456

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	392·7	Exempt Equity Init.	496·3	522·5
[illegible]	486·3	Exempt Equity Acc.	626·7	659·7
[illegible]	266·6	Exempt Fix. Int. Init.	277·2	291·8
[illegible]	331·6	Exempt Fix. Int. Acc.	330·0	348·3
[illegible]	126·9	Exempt Intnl. Initial	157·1	165·4
[illegible]	141·0	Exempt Intnl. Accum	176·0	185·3
[illegible]	336·2	Exempt Managed Init	387·9	408·4
[illegible]	416·4	Exempt Managed Acc	489·6	515·3
[illegible]	172·6	Exempt Property Init	177·9	187·3
[illegible]	210·4	Exempt Property Acc	224·6	236·5
[illegible]	97·0	Exmt IndxLnkdGilt Int	101·6	107·0
[illegible]	98·1	Exmt IndxLnkdGilt Acc	109·7	115·5
[illegible]	167·1	Exempt Cash Initial	170·7	179·7
[illegible]	203·1	Exempt Cash Accum.	215·6	227·0
—	—	Exempt B.Soc Lnkd Init	95·3	100·5
—	—	Exempt B.Soc Lnkd Acc	95·4	100·5
130·8	100·0	Special Deposit Fd Int	124·5	130·9
146·7	100·0	Special Deposit Fd Acc	139·3	146·7

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station Rd, New Barnet, Herts EN5 1PA. 01-440 8210

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	24·3	Select Sec. 'A'	26·5	28·0
[illegible]	19·5	Blue Chip	22·3	23·5
[illegible]	18·6	Fixed Yield	19·4	20·5
[illegible]	15·2	Guaranteed Money	16·0	16·9
[illegible]	18·2	Managed	21·1	22·3
[illegible]	25·5	International	29·3	30·9
[illegible]	15·0	Property	16·9	17·6
[illegible]	17·3	Pacific	22·1	23·3
[illegible]	14·2	Equity	16·7	17·6
[illegible]	20·1	Special Sits	25·4	26·8
[illegible]	13·4	Intl. Currency	13·9	14·7
[illegible]	10·8	I.L. Securities	11·1	11·7
[illegible]	16·7	American	24·4	25·7

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	256·3	Equity	—	317·1
[illegible]	199·6	Mixed	—	239·4

M & G GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	191·5	American Bonds	188·3	197·9
[illegible]	174·4	American Rec Bonds	241·1	253·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Americ Smlr Co's Bd	105·0	110·4
[illegible]	101·2	Aust Asian Bds	111·5	117·1
[illegible]	131·1	Commodity Bds	148·1	155·6
[illegible]	190·2	Deposit Bonds	192·7	202·4
[illegible]	137·4	Equity Bonds-Bons	175·3	184·1
[illegible]	341·2	Equity Bond-Acc	392·6	412·4
[illegible]	162·9	Extra Yield Bonds	205·1	215·4
[illegible]	116·8	Far Eastern Bonds	136·6	143·5
[illegible]	118·6	Gilt Bonds	133·4	203·1
[illegible]	85·5	Gold Bonds	95·7	100·6
[illegible]	131·6	High Yield Bonds	154·6	157·2
[illegible]	102·5	Index-Linked Bds	105·2	110·6
[illegible]	232·1	International Bonds	283·6	297·9
[illegible]	96·7	Japan Bonds	141·4	198·6
[illegible]	100·0	Japan Smlr Co's Bds	120·3	156·4
[illegible]	267·5	Managed Bonds	327·0	343·5
[illegible]	255·1	Property Bonds	253·2	265·9
[illegible]	145·4	Recovery Bonds	176·0	184·9

Pension Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	464·9	Personal Pen Fd	—	920·8
[illegible]	346·4	American	391·3	411·0
[illegible]	150·0	Building Soc	103·9	109·2
[illegible]	165·7	Deposit	173·1	181·9
[illegible]	243·7	Equity	308·9	324·3
[illegible]	229·9	Gilt	240·0	252·1
[illegible]	85·1	Gold	92·0	96·7
[illegible]	104·6	Index-Linked Gilt	111·1	116·7
[illegible]	92·3	International	111·1	116·8
[illegible]	92·8	Japan	126·9	133·4
[illegible]	224·1	Managed	279·2	293·3
[illegible]	182·2	PPI	202·2	212·3
[illegible]	90·8	Pacific	232·4	241·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	153·4	161·1
[illegible]	94·9	Recovery	115·5	121·4

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage. 0438-356101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	221·1	Managed	281·7	296·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	219·0	230·5
[illegible]	234·9	Equity	300·7	316·6
[illegible]	228·6	Gilt Edged	280·8	295·6
[illegible]	100·5	Investment	127·4	135·7

Pension Fund Prices

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	170·2	Managed Init	—	201·5
[illegible]	186·2	Managed Acc.	—	225·7
[illegible]	355·0	Deposit	166·2	174·9
[illegible]	188·9	International	260·5	274·2
[illegible]	155·4	Property Init	—	179·4
[illegible]	162·7	Property Acc.	—	201·1
[illegible]	155·8	Equity Init	—	226·6
[illegible]	181·5	Equity Acc.	—	260·0
[illegible]	170·9	Gilt Edged Init.	—	176·6
[illegible]	183·7	Gilt Edged Acc.	—	193·0
[illegible]	117·2	Guaranteed Init	—	143·5
[illegible]	123·3	Guaranteed Acc.	—	150·5
[illegible]	255·2	International Acc.	—	365·1
[illegible]	111·3	Index Link Gilt Init.	—	119·6
[illegible]	120·5	Index Link Gilt Acc.	—	[illegible]

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Leon Hse, 233 High St, Croydon CR9 1LF. 01-686 9171

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	279·7	Property Life Fund	—	292·7
[illegible]	349·4	Property Pens.	—	374·8
[illegible]	106·6	U.K. Equity Life	—	134·0
[illegible]	394·4	Equity Pens Fd	—	513·9
[illegible]	238·5	UK Money Mkt LifeFd	—	251·5
[illegible]	381·7	UK MoneyMktPenFd	—	415·7
[illegible]	187·2	UK Managed Life Fd	—	215·2
[illegible]	274·6	UK Managed Pen Fd	—	315·2
[illegible]	99·8	N. American Life Fd	—	144·4
[illegible]	111·9	N. American Pen Fd	—	156·3
[illegible]	140·7	Far East Life	—	177·7
[illegible]	162·0	Far East Pen. Fnd.	—	209·4
[illegible]	194·8	Intl. Man Life Fund	—	235·8
[illegible]	236·4	Intl. Man Pens. Fund	—	305·8
[illegible]	206·2	Intl Equity Life Fund	—	265·6
[illegible]	289·0	Intl Equity Pen Fund	—	356·5
[illegible]	138·3	Intl. Currency Life Fd	—	154·4
[illegible]	153·8	Intl. Currency Pen Fd	—	171·9
[illegible]	191·2	Deposit Life Fund	—	202·7
[illegible]	264·6	Deposit Pension Fund	—	280·7

MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
99/100 Sandling Road, Maidstone, Kent. 0622 679351

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	110·5	Acc. Mngd	123·5	129·5
[illegible]	107·9	Initial Mngd	120·1	126·2
[illegible]	105·0	Accum. Equity	122·5	129·0
[illegible]	105·5	Initial Equity	112·0	118·0
[illegible]	101·5	Acc. Intnl	120·0	126·6
[illegible]	107·0	Initial Intnl.	112·5	118·0
[illegible]	99·5	Acc. Property	97·5	103·0
[illegible]	98·5	Initial Property	97·5	103·0
[illegible]	100·0	Acc Munifund	107·5	113·0
[illegible]	100·0	Initial Munifund	103·0	108·0
[illegible]	96·5	Pens Acc. Equity	106·5	112·0
[illegible]	100·0	Pens Acc Equity	100·5	105·5
[illegible]	100·0	Pens Acc Munifund	105·0	110·5

NEL PENSIONS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	173·3	Nelex Equity Cap.	210·9	222·0
[illegible]	280·3	Nelex Equity Acc.	350·1	368·5

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
48 Gracechurch St, London EC3P 3HH. 01-623 4200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	173·8	Managed	211·1	211·7
[illegible]	186·8	UK Equity	230·0	242·2
[illegible]	154·8	Overseas Equity	214·4	225·7
[illegible]	164·3	American	217·9	229·1
[illegible]	160·8	Far East	183·5	193·2
[illegible]	112·9	Property	112·7	118·7
[illegible]	155·0	Fixed Int	158·2	166·6
[illegible]	98·7	Indexed Gilt	107·8	115·5
[illegible]	113·5	Deposit	114·6	120·7

Pension Fund Prices

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	187·4	Mngd Initial	201·9	212·6
[illegible]	180·0	Mngd Acc.	225·4	237·3
[illegible]	164·0	UK Equity Initial	213·5	224·8
[illegible]	175·9	UK Equity Acc.	235·0	247·4
[illegible]	186·6	Overseas Eq. Initial	234·4	247·8
[illegible]	210·9	Overseas Eq. Acc.	271·6	286·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	American Initial	252·9	266·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	American Acc.	279·8	294·6
[illegible]	000·0	Far East Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	194·4	Far East Initial	245·9	259·6
[illegible]	211·2	Far East Acc	262·2	276·1
[illegible]	108·9	Property Initial	108·4	114·2
[illegible]	115·9	Property Acc.	119·9	126·3
[illegible]	135·7	Fixed Int Initial	142·5	160·1
[illegible]	146·8	Fixed Int Acc.	156·1	165·4
[illegible]	93·6	Indexed Gilt Initial	100·1	106·4
[illegible]	101·6	Indexed Gilt Acc	111·8	118·1
[illegible]	112·2	Deposit Initial	113·2	119·4
[illegible]	119·6	Deposit Acc.	125·9	132·6

NPI PENSIONS MANAGEMENT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	455·1	Managed Fd.	562·0	576·4

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	427·8	Managed Fund	525·0	550·5
[illegible]	856·8	Equity Fund	976·3	1,010·27
[illegible]	256·2	Property Fund	267·1	281·1
[illegible]	221·1	Fixed Interest Fund	281·5	295·3
[illegible]	172·8	Deposit Fund	175·5	184·7

Pendepositor

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	175·2	Fixed Interest Fund	182·8	192·4
[illegible]	210·1	Ordinary Share Fund	268·2	282·8
[illegible]	131·2	Property Fund	133·5	140·5
[illegible]	124·2	Deposit Fund	124·1	130·7
[illegible]	111·3	Index Linked Sec. Fd	119·7	126·0
[illegible]	184·8	Mixed Fund	216·5	221·5

PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Phoenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ. 0272 294941.

Life Assurance Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
300·3	244·2	Wealth Ass.	284·7	299·8

Pension Plan Funds

Phoenix

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	94·2	U.K. Equity Acc.	94·3	99·2
[illegible]	98·1	International Acc.	94·7	99·8
[illegible]	100·0	Property Acc.	95·0	100·0
[illegible]	98·6	Fixed Interest Acc	95·6	100·6
[illegible]	100·0	Money Acc	95·0	100·0
[illegible]	100·0	Build Soc. Link Acc	95·0	100·0
[illegible]	98·4	Special Mixed Acc.	94·8	99·7

Phoenix/Framlington

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	99·5	Intnl. Grth. Acc	98·5	103·6
[illegible]	97·4	American & Gen Acc	98·8	104·0
[illegible]	100·0	Capital Tst. Acc	97·5	102·6
[illegible]	97·1	Japan & Gen. Acc	95·6	100·6
[illegible]	99·6	American Turn. Acc	100·4	105·6
[illegible]	99·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	99·5	104·7
[illegible]	98·9	Special Mixed Acc	98·1	103·2

Phoenix/GT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	98·9	International Acc.	97·6	102·7
[illegible]	99·1	U.S. & General Acc.	98·0	103·1
[illegible]	98·6	Technol'y & Grth Acc.	99·0	104·2
[illegible]	98·8	Japan & General Acc.	95·6	100·6
[illegible]	97·1	Far East & Gen. Acc.	94·4	99·3
[illegible]	100·0	UK Capital Acc.	94·1	99·9
[illegible]	100·0	European Acc.	98·4	103·5
[illegible]	99·3	Special Mngd. Acc.	96·2	101·2

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6HO. (0702) 333433

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	224·2	Flex. Mon Bnd Fnd.	260·4	277·4
[illegible]	103·0	Int Mans'ur Bnd F.	109·2	115·0

PROVIDENCE CAPITAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	112·6	Equity	125·3	131·4
[illegible]	87·6	Fixed Interest	94·3	100·1
[illegible]	84·4	International	93·6	98·6
[illegible]	64·0	Managed	106·1	111·6
[illegible]	103·4	Property	132·0	139·0
[illegible]	68·3	Special Market	83·3	88·9

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
266 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP. 01-247 3200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	499·2	Unit	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	104·0	Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index-Linked	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	105·0	Deposit	104·0	[illegible]
[illegible]	104·0	Pension Mixed Grd	[illegible]	[illegible]

For other prices Tel: 01 247 6600

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0PB. 0462 52991

Fund names listed (prices illegible): Managed Ord; Managed Int; Equity Ord; Equity Int; Index Lnk Gilt Ord; Index Lnk Gilt Int; O'seas Equity Ord; O'seas Equity Init; Property Ord; Property Init; Fixed Interest Ord; Fixed Interest Init; Deposit Ord; Deposit Init; Pen Managed Ord; Pen Managed Init; Pen Equity Ord; Pen Equity Init; Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Ord; Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Init; Pen O'seas Eqty Ord; Pen O'seas Eqty Init; Pen Property Ord; Pen Property Init; Pen Fixed Int Ord; Pen Fixed Int Init; Pen Deposit Ord; Pen Deposit Init.

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4BE. 0539 23415

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	290·1	Managed Fund	347·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	300·8	Equity Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	158·9	High Income Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	155·4	International Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Special Sits Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	185·3	Fixed Interest Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	308·0	Technology Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	180·8	Nth American Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	194·1	Far Eastern Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	100·0	Extra Income Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	282·9	Man Pension Acc Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	124·0	Prufund Man. Fd.	141·9	[illegible]

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	14·79	Prulink Man. Fd.	185·1	[illegible]
[illegible]	115·3	Prulink Cash Fd.	127·7	[illegible]

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	150·2	Managed Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	137·8	Property Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051-227 4422.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	348·6	Royal Shield Fd.	465·5	[illegible]

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	142·9	Managed Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	155·5	Equity Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	125·4	Property Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	177·9	International Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	125·8	Gilt Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	110·3	Money Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	100·0	U.S. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	100·0	Pacific Basin Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	130·5	Exempt Man. Fd.	154·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	162·9	Exempt Eqty Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	112·6	Exempt Prop. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	224·3	Exempt Intnl. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	114·7	Exempt Gilt Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	112·2	Exempt Money Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	170·3	R. L. Mixed Fd.	196·9	[illegible]

ST GEORGE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
5 Bow Churchyard, off Cheapside, London EC4M 9DH. 01-236 1566

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	111·8	Managed Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	114·5	UK Equity Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	103·5	Fixed Interest Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	107·1	Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	88·7	North America	[illegible]	[illegible]

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	79·0	Global Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	288·6	Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	285·9	Balanced Inv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	294·1	Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	50·8	Property Pension	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	53·9	Equity Pension	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	56·0	Managed Pension	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	68·8	Global Equity Pen	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	170·3	American (4)	214·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	180·7	Deposit (4)	186·0	[illegible]
[illegible]	509·1	Equity (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	216·8	Fixed Int. (4)	254·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	137·8	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income Dist. (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income Accum. (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Overseas (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smaller Co's (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tokyo (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Deposit Pension (C)	115·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Pensions (C)	352·6	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int Pen. (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index Lnk Gilt P. (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed Pension (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property Pen. (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spec. Ex'pt Pen. (C)	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St. Vincent St., Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041-248 2323

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	168·4	Managed	188·2	198·2
[illegible]	145·6	Fixed Interest	153·5	160·6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	225·1	237·0
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	205·0	215·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	120·7	127·1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index-Lkd Gilt Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Man. Fd. Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Man. Fd. Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Eq. Fd. Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Fx. In. Fd. Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exe'pt Fx. In. Fd. Ac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Eq'ty Fd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exe'pt Eq'ty Fd Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Intl. Fd. Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Intl. Fd. Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Prop. Fd. Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Prop. Fd. Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cash Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Cash Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh EH2 2XX. 031-556-9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	155·9	Mixed	205·4	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	219·1	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int.	122·3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	241·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	115·2	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index Linked	107·0	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	90·0	Edinburgh Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	82·9	Edinburgh Am.	125·5	[illegible]
[illegible]	80·7	Baillie Gifford Jap.	108·8	[illegible]

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-225 2211

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	95·6	Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	100·0	Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	U.K. Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	99·4	American	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	European	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Index Linked	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Deposit	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens U.K. Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens American	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens European	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens International	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Fixed Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Index Linked	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Deposit	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pens Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9181

Fund names listed (prices illegible): Mixed; Equity; International; Property; Fixed Int; Index Linked; Cash; Pen Mixed Init; Pen Mixed Ord; Pen Equity Initial; Pen Equity Ord; Pen Intl Initial; Pen Intl Ord; Pen Prop Init; Pen Prop Ord; Pen Fix Int Init; Pen Fix Int Ord; Pen I.L. Init; Pen I.L. Ord; Pen Cash Init; Pen Cash Ord.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000

Fund names listed (prices illegible): Investor Policy S. 1; Investor Policy S. 2; Investor Policy S. 3; Investor Policy Cash; Mixed Fd.; Equity Fund; Property Fd.; International Fd.; Fixed Int Fd.; Indexed Stock Fd.; Cash Fd.; Pens Mixed Fd Ord; Pens Equity Fd Ord; Pens Prop Fd Ord; Pens Intl Fd Ord; Pens Fixed Int Fd Ord; Pens Index Lk Fd Ord; Pens Cash Fd Ord; Pens Managt Man; Pens Managt Stock Exempt; Pens Managt Prop.; Pens Managt Cash; Exempt Unit Tst Acc.

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

Fund names listed (prices illegible): Managed Life Acc.; Managed Pens'on Acc; Internat'onal Life Acc; Internat'onal Pens Acc; Arbuthnot Man Life Acc; Britannia Man Life Acc; Britannia Pens Acc; Framlington Man Life Acc; Framlington Pens Acc; T.S.B. Managed Life Acc; Gartmore Man Life Acc; Gartmore Pens Acc; Henderson Man Life Acc; Henderson Pens Acc; Providence Life Acc; Equity Life Acc; Equity Pensions Acc; Gilt Plus Life Acc; Gilt Plus Pens Acc; Property Life Acc; Property Pens Acc; Deposit Life Acc; Deposit Pensions Acc.

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STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3 George St., Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
031-225 2552

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
272-3	213-0	Managed	252-6	266-7
173-8	161-7	Property	165-9	174-7
165-2	127-9	Equity	132-0	142-2
265-0	236-5	International	249-8	264-3
189-1	174-0	Fixed Interest	179-0	188-5
108-4	102-7	Pens. Managed	104-5	110-3
349-0	307-6	Pens. Equity	318-9	335-8
387-2	305-2	Pens. Intnl.	343-3	361-4
112-5	97-7	Index-Linked	102-9	109-4
148-7	133-2	Cash	141-8	148-7
187-0	151-9	Pens. Property	177-6	187-0
211-5	198-3	Pens. Fixed Interest	194-5	204-8
112-5	98-3	Pens. Index-Linked	106-5	112-2
174-7	157-7	Pens. Cash	165-8	174-7

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham
0403 64141

Life Funds				
399-0	304-4	Equity	367-2	386-6
249-9	224-2	Fixed Interest	311-5	332-4
275-5	190-8	International	267-8	274-6
311-8	268-0	Managed	294-8	310-4
244-2	225-6	Property	232-0	244-3
162-9	154-2	Gilt-edged	154-7	162-9
134-2	113-2	Index Linked	127-2	134-0
121-6	49-3	North America	115-5	121-6
115-1	100-0	Far East	106-3	111-9
38-23	32-73	International Bond	—	32-23
Pension Funds				
216-0	156-4	Equity	203-4	211-0
185-1	171-2	Fixed Interest	179-4	188-9
144-3	119-5	Property	137-0	144-3
233-6	187-4	Managed	192-7	202-9
157-1	132-6	Index Linked	146-2	157-1
235-9	183-5	International	223-4	235-9
134-9	120-9	Deposit	128-1	134-9

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3 & 4 Cockspur St., London
SW1Y 5BE. 01-930 5400

475-8	456-9	Growth Account	—	465-6
434-4	424-7	Managed Account	—	434-4
163-1	138-4	Maple Leaf Mngd. Fd	155-0	163-1
153-6	147-1	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd.	152-0	161-5
146-2	138-8	Maple Leaf Fix. In. Fd	139-6	146-2
224-1	170-4	Maple Leaf Intnl. Fd	212-9	224-1
595-2	488-7	Personal Pens. Accnt	—	595-2
291-8	235-6	Pensions Mngd. Acc	277-2	291-8
404-2	336-1	Equity Account	000-0	400-1
128-0	115-1	Maple Leaf Prop. Fd	121-6	128-0
119-8	112-2	Maple Leaf Money Fd	113-6	119-8
117-6	102-8	Maple Leaf In Linked	112-0	117-6
100-0	100-0	Pens. Guaranteed Fd	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Mngd. Fd.	000-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Equity Fd.	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Property Fd.	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd.	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Intnl Fd	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Money Fd	95-0	100-0
100-0	100-0	Pens. Index Link Fd	95-0	100-0

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL
0272-426911

337-3	321-2	Managed Acc	330-4	337-3
205-2	205-3	Property Acc	195-6	205-2
425-4	425-7	Equity Acc	425-6	446-4
187-4	179-2	Fixed Interest Acc	175-9	185-1
108-4	103-8	Index-Linked Acc	000-0	000-0
170-5	168-8	Cash Acc	161-9	170-5
215-0	183-9	American Equity Acc	000-0	000-0
123-6	118-5	U.S. Bonds Acc	000-0	000-0
127-4	121-6	Japan Acc	000-0	000-0
117-3	103-7	Pacific Acc	000-0	000-0
278-3	264-1	Far Eastern Acc	000-0	000-0
269-6	257-6	International Acc	246-6	259-1
123-6	114-9	U.S. Dollar Acc	000-0	000-0
111-2	106-7	Yen Acc	000-0	000-0
107-0	104-6	European Curr. Acc	000-0	000-0
150-7	144-7	Distribution	141-0	148-5

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

324-2	305-0	Pens. Mngd. Acc	—	—
165-4	160-8	Pens Property Acc	—	—
403-8	367-9	Pens. Equity Acc	—	—
175-9	171-1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	—	—
107-4	104-5	Indexed Linked Acc.	—	—
Pens. Ind. Linked Acc.				
168-7	166-1	Pens. Cash Acc	—	—
151-5	149-6	Pens. Amer. Eq. Acc	—	—
134-1	130-8	Pens U.S. Bonds Acc	—	—
129-0	123-2	Pens. Japan Acc	—	—
132-3	121-5	Pens Pacific Acc	—	—
307-6	300-0	Pens. Far Eastern Acc	—	—
319-5	294-3	Pens. Intnl. Acc	—	—
128-2	120-8	Pens. U.S. Dollar Acc	—	—
117-0	113-2	Pens. Yen Acc	—	—
106-8	105-3	Pens. Euro. Curr. Acc	—	—

TEACHERS ASSURANCE CO. LTD

137-5	114-5	Managed Fund	130-1	137-0
119-1	104-8	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	107-8	113-3
114-1	106-8	Cash Fund	108-5	114-6

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
85-87 High Holborn, WC1V 6DU
01-831 7481

225-1	103-5	Series 2 Man. Fund	213-4	224-8
278-9	214-8	Series 2 Equity Fund	263-1	276-9
211-0	181-1	Series 2 Prop. Fund	196-8	207-2
202-9	173-3	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	186-2	195-9
144-7	137-6	Series 2 Money Fund	137-5	144-7
236-2	166-8	Series 2 Overs Fund	225-9	236-2
441-0	356-0	Tulip Invest. Fund	418-1	440-2
309-3	253-3	Tulip Managed Fund	285-8	300-9
219-4	181-5	Managed Fund Int.	208-0	218-9
285-0	200-7	Managed Fund Acc	241-8	254-5
347-1	277-4	Man. Pen. Fund Cap.	328-0	346-3
447-8	353-3	Man. Pen. Fund Acc.	424-8	447-1

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester GL1 5DE
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258-8	191-6	American	245-3	258-3
188-7	153-5	International	179-3	188-7
277-2	225-1	U.K. Equity	256-6	272-3
263-8	229-8	Managed	250-5	263-8
317-1	255-0	High Yield	299-9	316-7
225-4	199-1	Gilt Edged	207-8	218-5
303-7	247-8	Growth Acc	287-8	303-1
269-6	214-5	Growth Cap	236-6	249-1
308-4	237-8	Property	288-9	308-4
261-0	218-4	Guaranteed	245-6	256-5
214-9	198-5	Money	204-1	214-9
250-1	220-8	Fiscal	235-3	247-8
356-8	271-2	Pensions Managed	338-0	355-9
234-7	211-3	Pensions Deposit	222-8	234-7
315-3	272-5	Pensions Property	299-4	315-3
253-4	221-6	Pensions Gilt Edged	232-8	245-2
344-7	285-2	Pensions Equity	325-0	342-2
118-5	105-8	Pensions Index Bond	104-4	110-0
116-6	107-4	Pensions Woolwich	110-7	116-6
114-6	99-0	Henderson Active	108-6	114-4
121-8	99-6	Perpetual Active	115-7	121-8
95-1	76-2	Trident Bond	90-5	95-1

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126-4	108-5	Managed	119-8	126-2
111-6	104-6	Property	105-9	111-6
156-7	115-0	Equity	148-6	156-5
116-9	98-4	Fixed Int.	105-8	118-5
110-8	104-8	Money	105-1	110-6
123-1	100-0	Man. Pens.	111-8	123-1
100-0	100-0	Deposit Pens.	95-8	100-0

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362-1	295-0	Managed	342-7	360-8
681-7	525-5	Equity	640-1	673-8
295-2	264-9	Fixed Interest	274-1	288-6
253-3	204-7	Property	240-6	253-3
285-9	216-1	International	281-1	295-9
151-4	94-0	North American	134-8	151-2
111-5	93-5	Pacific Basin	105-9	111-5
119-5	94-1	European	112-9	118-9
199-8	189-2	*Cash	189-8	199-8
322-1	255-4	Pensions Managed	304-8	320-9
434-6	322-4	Pensions Equity	408-5	430-1
267-6	235-5	Pensions Fixed Int.	247-1	260-2
218-3	201-5	Pensions Property	207-1	218-3
119-8	104-4	Pensions Index-Linked	113-4	119-4
146-1	134-4	Pens Intnat'l Money	140-1	147-5
145-8	102-7	Pens. Global Equity	142-4	149-8
102-5	100-0	Pensions Cash	97-3	102-5
12-50	8-44	Pens. Guaranteed‡	11-62	—

* Ex-distribution.
‡ Based on after prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal.

Gold easier

FAIRLY quiet conditions ruled in the London bullion market yesterday with the price of gold closing $1·75 lower at $302·75 an ounce. With a watchful eye kept on the dollar the market saw little action

COMPANIES

Abercom Group

OPENING half pre-tax profits from on-going operations of Abercom Group, the South African engineering concern which has been undergoing a major reorganisation programme, slipped from R5·91m to R4·87m. But with a substantially reduced tax charge of R55,000 (R1·52m) net income is slightly ahead at R4·84m (R4·59m).

There is a same-again interim dividend of 6 cents around April 10.

Burmatex

BURMATEX, the carpet tile and fibre-bonded carpet maker, has ended its first full year as a public limited company with pre-tax profits of £1·45m (£1·27m).

The final dividend is 5p, making the forecast 5p from earnings of 12·22p (11·1p).

Ernest Jones

SUCCESS of its marketing policies and operating procedures against a background of intense competition has enabled Ernest Jones (Jewellers) to continue its profits recovery in the year ended September with the pre-tax outturn up from £464,000 to £702,000.

The year-end is being changed to end-March, so the current period will be for 18 months.

A 2·5p final on April 1 makes a same-again 3·8p total from earnings of 4·6p (3·9p).

Elders

ELDERS IXL, the Australian agricultural and finance group which has a London "quote", has pushed opening half pre-tax profits on from A$44·5m to A$52·5m on turnover of A$7·28bn (A$2·41bn). Figures include six months trading of the Private Investment Company for Asia.

There is an interim dividend of 10 cents (8 cents adjusted) on capital increased by October's one-for-two scrip, from earnings of 18 cents (14).

IN BRIEF

Kwahu Company: First half p/t plt £88,100 (£50,600), including profit on disposal of investments £40,900 (£12,800) and provision released on investment portfolio £30,200 (£11,800). EPS 0·82p (0·56p). NAV 24·9p (equal to 22·4p). As usual, no int. div. Forecast of 1·1p div. on capital as enlarged by June's one-for-one rights issue confirmed.

Throgmorton Secured Growth Trust: First half net after-tax revenue £162,000 (£137,000). Gross revenue £432,000 (£393,000). EPS 1·62p (1·37p). NAV per unit of capital loan stock, debenture at par, 333·9p (301·8p). Int. div. again 1p, pay April 4.

F. & C. Eurotrust: First half net revenue £20,100 (£2,000). Gross revenue £91,600 (£63,300). Interest charge £54,900 (£45,000). EPS 0·3p (0·03p). NAV 124·9p (109·2p). As usual, no int. div.

Farmer Stedall: Full year p/t pft £210,800 (£238,200). T/o £1·75m (£1·06m). Maiden div 0·5p, pay April 1. Encouraging signs in both British and Far Eastern markets, particularly China

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Short-term snags at Peachey

A HOT residential property market is encouraging Peachey Property Corporation to storm through its disposal programme at a rate which will see the bulk of the housing portfolio sold within the next year or so.

In the process, Peachey is picking up useful profits and raising cash for investment in its commercial development and portfolio activities.

It does, however, create a potential problem for the company and its shareholders: without trading profits from the residential sales, group profits are likely to dip over the next couple of years.

Interim results to December 25 make the point. Group pre-tax profits have jumped from £3·04 million to £4·84 million. The contribution from trading its residential units was £2·15 million of that, or nearly 45 p.c. of the total.

In the second half of the current year, profits will still be flowing fast and loose from the residential portfolio, and group pre-tax profits are likely to emerge around £9·5 million against £8·32 million.

But next year the going will be harder. Investment income is on a rising trend, helped by the Carnaby Estates where rent reviews on the West Side purchased from the Crown Estate 18 months ago have come in ahead of forecasts.

The sale of a leasehold interest in the Churchill Hotel for 9·25 million will be a short term boost to investment income until reinvested in property. Profit on the deal will be taken to reserves rather than through the profit and loss account.

The impact that the sombre short term profits outlook will have will depend entirely on market sentiment. If investors want to stay in property shares, then they will back the management strength which is already delivering a sound long term prospect.

But if they are looking for an excuse to lighten their holdings in the sector, Peachey's short term dilemma will provide one.

The sahres at 248p, where the prospective yield is a shade under 5 p.c. and the price-earnings ratio of 13 times, are nevertheless worth accumulating on weakness.

Cope exceeds expectations

COPE Allman International marked better-than-expected record first half profits, up from £3·28 million to £6·34 million pre-tax in the six months to end-1984, with a 35 p.c. increase in its interim dividend yesterday — and promised similar treatment for the final if prospects for the second half are realised.

The company has become a tighter-run ship since Messds Ashcroft and Wickins took an interest in its fortunes back in 1983, and the benefits continue.

Packaging, its biggest division, continues to lead the way with operating profits up 40 p.c. to £5·98 million and North American companies accounting for a major part of the growth.

Increased sales of steel strip, used in wood and metal hand tools, in the United States also helped compensate for a downturn in the group's switchgear business and enabled the engineering division to move up 10 p.c. to £2·25 million.

Amusement machines, where it was once a world leader, staged a recovery as the manufacturing side made up some of the ground lost following a late change to electronically controlled machines.

Hiring companies are still experiencing pressure on rental income. However, with a reduced workforce and an improved market share, manufacturing staged a turnround of more than £1 million and helped the division contribute £2·31 million against £904,000 and £1·85 million for the previous full year.

With North American markets now playing a greater role — profits from this area more than doubled to £2·09 million — the previous seasonal imbalance between first and second half results will be reduced.

Consequently the market is looking for between £15·5 million and £14 million for the full year. Assuming a likely 43 p.c. tax charge, this leaves the shares, up 7 at 153p, selling on a prospective 8·1 earnings multiple and offering a 5·4 p.c. yield.

This compares with market averages closer to 13 and 4 p.c. respectively and the shares, which have come up from 105p since being recommended here in September, clearly have further to go.

The prospect of the Hawley—B C A camps reducing their combined present 43·55 p.c. holding to 40 p.c., as has been indicated, could have some affect on market sentiment, however, although there is more than one way this can be achieved and Cope Allman is looking for an acquisition in the United States in support of its increased activity there.

Strathclyde under wraps

NOT A WORD . . . but London and Strathclyde Trust has had another bid approach, which sooner or later the management might see fit to tell shareholders all about.

It may, of course, suffer the same fate as the approach received last November which got no further than the first post.

That approach came from Japan Assets Trust which was keen to expand its capital base, and saw the acquisition of an investment trust as a neat way of accomplishing it. Most shareholders never knew from whence the approach came, nor what was potentially on offer. Mos tnever will.

But it was ironic that County Bank, which helped fight off the would-be predator, soon came up with an alternative, Anglo Scottish Investment Trus.

Institutions had been gunning for Anglo Scottish ever since its management contract was snatched away from Gartmore, which in turn manages London and Strathclyde.

Institutional holders account for the bulk of the London and Strathclyde shareholders register, and it is a fair assumption that if they were offered a chance to sell their shares close to or at asset value, they would do so.

Having seen the chance slip away once, they are not keen that the same thing should happen again, especially as the would-be bid depends on certain information being made available to the would-be predator.

The exact state of play is that, clearly, the defending camp believe they are not in receipt of a serious offer. However, there are so many insiders involved, that illuminations from the company would be helpful.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff Report.

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off Settlement £1,365 (£1,282·50). Off Midday Cash £1,302-£1,303. 3 Months £1,319-£1,319·50. After Close Cash £1,284-£1,285. 3 Months £1,307·50-£1,308. T/O 18,550 tonnes. Cathodes: Quiet. Off Settlement £1,296 (£1,283). Off Midday Cash £1,295-£1,296. 3 Months £1,313-£1,318. After Close Cash £1,281-£1,285. 3 Months £1,302-£1,305. T/O 350 tonnes.

TIN: Steadier. Off Settlement £10,045 (£10,050). Off Midday Cash £10,045-£10,045. 3 Months £10,042-£10,045. After Close Cash £10,035-£10,040. 3 Months £10,046-£10,047. T/O 810 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady but Quiet. Off Settlement £339·50 (£339·50). Off Midday Cash £339-£339·50. 3 Months £348-£348·50. After Close Cash £337·50-£338·50. 3 Months £346·50-£347. T/O 7,375 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off Settlement £810 (£789). Off Midday Cash £808-£810. 3 mths £788·50-£789. Aft. close cash £810-£812. 3 mths £790-£790·50. T/O: 7,175 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 570·0p-570·5p. 3 mths 588·0p-588·3p. Aft. close cash 565·0p-566·0p. 3 mths 583·0p-585·0p. T/O: 97 lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off. settlement £1,014-50 (£1,011). Off. midday cash £1,014-£1,014·50. 3 mths £1,050-£1,050·50. Aft. close cash £1,012-£1,013. 3 mths £1,047·50-£1,048·50. T/O: 13,000 tonnes.

NICKEL: Barely Steady. Off. settlement £4,655 (£4,620). Off. midday cash £4,650-£4,655. 3 mths £4,665-£4,670. Aft. close cash £4,622-£4,628. 3 mths £4,637-£4,638. T/O: 990 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): April 304·50. T/O 106 lots of 100 troy ozs each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 569·95 (569·80): 3 mths 588·30 (587·40): 6 mths 605·40 (604·90): 1 yr 639·75 (637·60).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £250·15 (£255·45).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot. 65-70·50 (65-70·50). Futures: Steadier. March £670-£710. April £680-£720. May £690-£730. June £700-£740. July £710-£750. Aug. £720-£760. Sept. £750-£770. Oct. £740-£780. Nov. £750-£790. T/O 15 lots.

BISAL: East African quoted lower. No. 1 Bisal £670. No. 3 Long £650. C.i.f. Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price raws. No. 6 contract $ per tonne. March 116·40-116·80. May 122-122·20. Aug. 130-130·20. Oct. 138·20-138·40. Dec. 145·20-145·40. March 159·20-159·80. May 166·60-167. T/O 2275 lots.

SOYA MEAL: Easier. April £143·50-£144. June £140-£140·50. Aug. £141·50-£141·50. Oct. £145·50-£146·50. Dec. £151-£153. Feb. £155-£156·40. T/O 502 lots.

COCOA: E. D. + F Mast, per tonne. March 2,120 Sell, 2,118 Buy. May 2,131-2,130. July 2,121-2,120. Sept 2,105-2,104. Dec 1,995-1,990. March 1,982-1,980. May 1,980-1,960. Volume 5,131.

COFFEE: £ per ton. March 2335. May 2375. July 2405. Sept 2430. Nov 2447. Jan 2447. Sales 1,086.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·70. Dubai 27·25. Arab Heavy 26·60. North Sea (Forties) 28·90 (early March). North Sea (Brent) 28 (early March). Nigerian Bonny Medium 28·45.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Feb. 253·50-252·50. March 232-231·75. April 221·25-21. May 217-16·50. June 214·13-25. July 214-12·25. Aug 217-12. Sept 220-12. Oct 222-15. Total volume: 2,226. —Premier Man.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BGCA — Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. SE: Feed wheat 107-10, feed barley 110-50. SW: Feed barley 112-20 down 70. West Midlands: Feed wheat 109-80, feed barley 110 down 40. NW: Feed wheat 112-50 up 90, feed barley 110-20 up 110.

BARLEY (£ per ton): March 111·55, May 115·00, Sept 96·00; Nov 99·50, Jan 105·20. Wheat "I" (£ per ton): March 111·85, May 115·70, July 117·55, Sept 96·00, Nov 99·10.

(GAFTA)

PIGMEAT (Gafta): April 109·1p, June 106·8p, Aug. 103p, Oct. 108·8p, Nov. 109·5p, Feb. 103·5p. T/O 165 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £34, April £46·20, May £46·90, Nov. £71·70, Feb. £78·80. T/O 684 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lb: eating apples 10-28, cookers 6-13, bananas 30-33, SA grape 54-110, Brazilian 100-140, Spanish 14, lychees 100, pears 10-27, plums 40-50, forced rhubarb 30, clementines 22-32, strawberries 120-140, each: avocados 10-30, coconuts 30, grapefruit 5-18, pink 38, kiwi 22-24, lemons 7-12, limes 18, mangoes 70-100, melons 80-120, oranges 4-16, pineapples 8-18, nectarines 22-25, pineapples 70-120, nombiye 40-100, sharon 12-14, temples 8-12, fresh figs 16-20, paced figs 10, packet dates 45-70.

Salad lb: Chicory 60, cooked beet 25, raw 7, Chinese leaf 25, parsley 120, tomatoes 70-35, each: celery 15-35, cucumbers 20-42, round lettuce 16-27, cos 36, Iceberg 50, endive 70, bunch: imported spring onions 23-30, radish 20-22.

Vegetables, each: globe artichoke 40, cauliflower 45-50, per lb: root artichoke 50, aubergines 65, Kenya beans 65-83, brussel sprouts 15-25, cabbage 10-12, celeriac 45, old carrots 14-18, new 17-18, courgettes 55, fennel 60, greens 30, leeks 40-45, mangetout 100-150, mushrooms 60-80, onions 4-18, parsnips 75-22, peppers 46-54, old potatoes 2-5, new 14-18, swedes 6-7, turnips 11.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE POUND ABROAD

19-2-85		Prev. close
Austria	25.40—.45	25.19—.24
Belgium*	72.74—.92	72.33—.64
Canada	1.4687—.4724	1.4614—.4656
Denmark	12.9375—.9700	12.8628—.8915
France	11.0670—.0856	10.9864—11.0033
Germany W	3.6195—.6254	3.5948—.6051
Holland	4.0950—.1042	4.0662—.0772
Ireland	1.1560—.1620	1.1505—.1565
Italy	2250.88—2258.88	2216.09—2226.79
Japan	294.54—.97	283.55—.284.16
Norway	10.5555—.5847	10.3072—.3325
Portugal	197.78—200.15	194.74—196.10
Spain	199.42—.85	198.15—.56
Sweden	10.9004—.9516	10.1518—.2290
Switzerland	2.0716—.0777	2.0581—.0645
Utd. States	1.0880—.0890	1.0810—.0820

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
NOON 71·4 (71·5) CLOSE 71·6 (71·2)
(Base 1975 = 100)

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

Austria	15¼-14¼ Gro. pm	44—40¾ Gro. p.p
*Belgium	24—18 c.pm	55—50 c.pm
Canada	0.51—0.46 c.pm	1.23—1.14 c.pm
Denmark	4¼—3¼ Ore pm	10¾-9¼ Ore pm
France	3¼—2¼ c.pm	7¼—6¼ c.pm
Germany W	2½—2¼ Pfg pm	6¾—6¼ Pfg pm
Holland	2½—2¼ c.pm	6¾—6¼ c.pm
Italy	17.00—9.00 Lr. dis	1—8 Lire dis
Japan	1¼—1¼ Yen pm	5¼—4¾ Yen pm
Norway	1¾—¾ Ore pm	5¾—3 Ore pm
Portugal	185—520 c.dis	480—1360 c.dis
Spain	30—5 c pm	70—20 c.pm
Sweden	¼ O.pm—¼ O.dis	¾—1⅝ Ore dis
Switzerland	2¼—1¾ c.pm	6—5¾ c.pm
Utd. States	0.48—0.44 c.pm	1.27—1.22 c.pm

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 257 10-267.59
Australia	$1.6090-1.6050
Brazil	Cruzeiro 4134.81—4169.39
Cyprus	£0.7545—0.7591
Finland	Markka 7.5209—7.5586
Greece	Drachma Not Available
Hong Kong	H.K.$ 8.5270—8.5570
India	Rupee 14.1743
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3456—0.3453
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3360—0.3400
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.7900—2.8000
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 3.9040—3.9440
Singapore	$S 2.4620—2.4720
South Africa	Rand 2.1256—2.1318
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 3.9940—4.0240

* Subject to limit

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $302·00	2nd Fix $302·50
Close $302·75	($304·50)
Sterling Equiv. £277·12	(£278·91)

KRUGERRANDS*

£282·00—£282·35 (£282·00—£282·36)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£267·20—£268·20 (£260·55—£263·55)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£82·50—£80·84 (£82·50—£80·04)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

DOLLAR RATES

	19-2-85	Prev. close
France	10·1375	10·0725
Germany	3.3140	3·2945
Switzerland	2·8135	2·8005
Japan	260·50	260·00
Trade weighted ave.	152·10	151·00

MONEY MARKET RATES
(per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 14 pc (Jan. 28)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10½ pc (Feb. 1)
DISCOUNT MKT.:
Day-to-Day 7—13¾

INTERBANK:	
7 days 14—14¼	Overnight 13¾—14
3 months 13⅞—14	1 month 14¼—14¼
	6 months 13½—13⅜

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:

Two days 14	Seven days 14
One month 14	Three months 13¾

BANK BILLS:	1 month 13⅞—13⅝
3 months 15⅛—15½	6 months 13⅛—12⅞
TREAS. BILLS:	1 month 13½—13¾
3 months 13¼—13⅛	3 months 13⅛—13⅛
STERLING C.Ds.:	1 month 14½—14⅜
3 months 13¾—13½	1 year 12¼—12¼
DOLLAR C.Ds.:	1 month 8.60—8.70
3 months 8.85—8.95	1 year 9.80—10.00

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:	
7 days 5⅝—5 11/16	1 month 5⅞—5 11/16
3 months 9—9⅛	6 months 9 7/16—9⅜
MARKS:	
7 days 5 7/16—5⅜	1 month 5 11/16—5 13/16
3 months 6—6⅛	6 months 6⅜—6½
SWISS FRANCS:	
7 days 2⅛—2	1 month 5⅝—5 11/16
3 months 5¼—5⅜	6 months 5 7/16—5 9/16

BIDS AND DEALS

Alfred Preedy

ALFRED Preedy & Sons, the wholesale and retail tobacconist, has sold its Ronson division to Ronson (Exports), a Leeds-based private company engaged in the manufacture and overseas distribution of Ronson flame products.

It is anticipated that the sale in the division, which made £109,200 after interest charges in 1983-84, will realise £1·1m, of which £655,000 will be paid on completion.

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Over-the-Counter Market

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yd % Actual	P.E Actual	P.E Fully Taxed
144	123	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	142	—	6·6	4·4	7·9	9·4
151	133	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	150	—	10·0	6·6	—	—
77	51	Airsprung Group	54	—	6·4	11·9	5·9	7·1
42	28	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	2·9	8·3	4·4	7·3
153	103	Bardon Hill	139	−1	3·4	2·4	14·0	23·3
58	42	Bray Technologies	57	—	3·3	7·4	5·6	7·8
201	170	CCL Ordinary	170	—	12·0	7·1	—	—
122	110	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	110	—	13·7	15·8	—	—
635	100	Carborundum Ord.	555	—	5·7	0·7	—	—
86	64	Carborundum 7·5 p.c. Pref.	66	—	10·7	12·4	—	—
105	45	Cindico Group	45x	—	—	—	—	—
74	51	Deborah Services	57xd	—	6·3	11·4	5·4	9·6
265	103	Frank Horsell	245	—	—	—	11·8	15·6
237	179	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	225	—	9·6	5·8	10·3	15·3
53	23	Frederick Parker	29	−2	—	—	—	—
55	33	George Blair	33	—	—	—	5·6	7·1
50	37	Ind. Precision Castings	50	—	2·7	9·0	5·2	9·9
219	186	Jaks Group	186	—	15·0	8·0	7·1	15·4
124	104	Jackson Group	115	—	4·9	4·6	4·9	9·3
285	215	James Burrough	275	—	15·7	5·0	9·7	9·7
85	55	James Burrough 9 p.c. Pref.	90xd	—	12·9	14·3	—	—
87	71	John Howard & Company	87	—	5·0	5·7	8·9	12·6
169	109	Linguaphone Ord.	163	−2	—	—	—	—
100	95	Linguaphone 12·5 p.c. Pref.	95	—	15·0	15·8	—	—
696	330	Minihouse Holding N.V.	696	+2	3·3	0·6	43·6	47·7
120	51	Robert Jenkins	53	—	3·0	15·2	—	—
60	26	Scruttons "A"	32	—	3·7	17·6	16·3	5·9
82	61	Torday & Carlisle	78	—	—	—	8·4	17·7
944	370	Trevian Holdings	370	—	4·5	1·2	21·0	29·7
77	17	Unlock Holdings	26	—	1·5	4·8	12·6	18·2
98	81	Walter Alexander	93	—	7·5	7·7	8·4	11·4
247	224	W. S. Yeates	224	—	17·4	7·7	5·4	10·7

s=suspended

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The successful candidate will be aged 35-45 years, be of good academic background, and should have sound all-round management skills. Whilst an engineering background and experience in the packaging industry is desirable, more relevant is the ability to demonstrate several years of success in a similar position. In particular, we are looking for an experienced man-manager who can provide the leadership and motivation necessary to ensure a successful operation in this plant.

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The salaries for the above positions are subject to negotiation and will be commensurate with experience. Other benefits will include medical cover, pension fund, and relocation expenses where applicable.

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The appointment will be for an initial fixed-term period of 3 years, renewable. Remuneration will be by negotiation.

Further information, application form and job description for this post may be obtained from, and should be returned to: Mr L. A. Bains, CBE, DL, Chairman, Haringey Health Authority, Mountford House, The Green, London, N15. Telephone: 01-808 1081 ext 105 (Miss Jean Smith).
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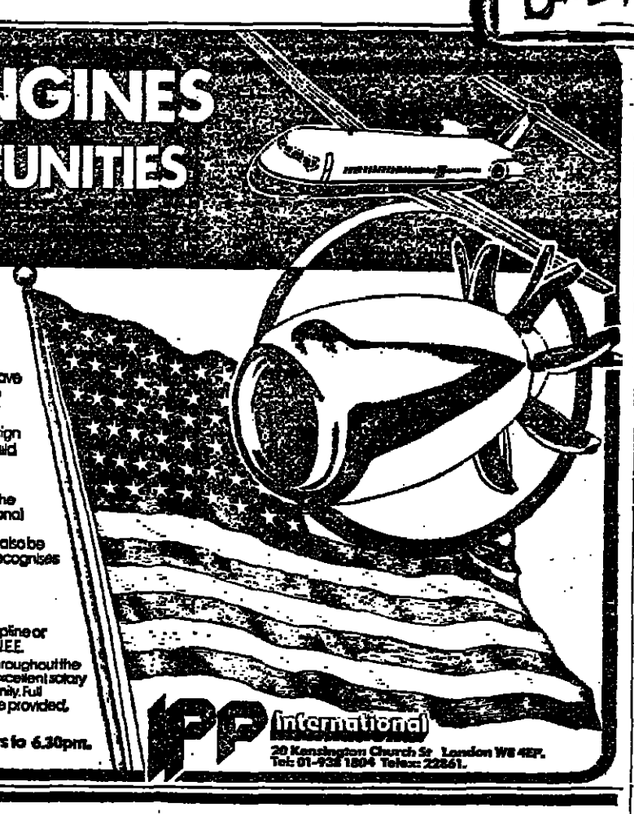

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HOUSES AND ESTATES — CHARLES CLOVER

History caught up in red tape

FINE property in London can command such high prices that it is perhaps surprising that some of the capital's finest historic houses lie empty and in danger of dereliction or demolition for want of a buyer.

The most prominent example is Grovelands House at Southfield, Enfield, a Grade One listed building built by John Nash in 1797 and considered to be one of the finest Georgian mansions in Greater London. Owned by Enfield Area Health Authority who ran it for a time as a hospital, it has been empty and decaying since 1977.

The state of the house for which the health authority is asking £500,000, is described by Ashley Barker, the head of the G L C Historic Buildings Division, as a "national scandal." Various buyers have been interested since 1977 but nothing has yet happened to settle the house's future. One application for planning permission was refused because the developers envisaged substantial extensions.

The house, which is not vast in size, has largely intact interiors and grounds laid out by Humphrey Repton.

Now a new scheme is being considered by Enfield council from a developer who wants to turn the house into a private psychiatric nursing home. But as the scheme involves a large extension some doubt must remain as to whether this is yet the scheme to save Grovelands.

Another fine house standing empty at present is Danson Mansion, Danson Park, Bexley, a Grade One house built by Sir Robert Taylor, architect of the Bank of England, between 1759 and 1762. The finest rooms on the first floor were decorated by Sir William Chambers in 1770.

Bexley council's main concern has been to find someone prepared to meet the costs of doing up the 32-roomed mansion and its listed stables which stand in the middle of a public park. The council has considered a number of proposals ranging in cost from £500,000 to £1 million and have selected one for further consideration.

It seems likely the developer will be offered the house on a long lease at a peppercorn rent in return for a restoration package. Substantial grants are likely to be available from English Heritage and the G L C Historic Buildings Division—soon to be absorbed by English Heritage.

As with Grovelands, the existence of a number of schemes for redeveloping the house does not necessarily mean that any one of them will be accepted by the council or be brought to completion by the developer. The council is hedging its bets and would like to hear from anyone else who may be interested.

The National Trust is looking for a tenant for Sutton House in Hackney, an H-plan 16th-century house with alterations from 1600 and the early 18th-century, listed Grade Two star. Inside there is linenfold and 18th-century panelling, decorative plaster and good 17th-century doors.

The agents, Debenham, Tewson and Chinnocks say that the Trust is prepared to ask a nominal rent for a long leasehold providing the new tenant is prepared to tackle the considerable amount of work that needs doing to the roof—where lead has been stolen and water has penetrated — and provide new services which are in a very poor state.

Sutton House is too large, say the agents, to be really suitable for occupancy by a single family but one possible use is to turn it into a number of residential units or offices. The most recent estimate of the repair bill, for a scheme to turn it into offices, was £200,000 to £250,000.

Hackney, London's poorest borough, is littered with Georgian houses in an advanced state of decay. The council itself owns and is preparing to sell two: 85 Stoke Newington Church Street, an early to mid-18th century house and a very large building, 191 Stoke Newington High Street, a Grade Two (star) early 18th century mansion. Prices should be forthcoming soon from the borough valuer.

Danson Mansion, Danson Park, Bexley: a Grade One house designed by Sir Robert Taylor in the mid-18th-century is standing empty and in need of renovation.

The agent, R. B. James, is offering two Grade Two listed houses sited between two streets and known together as 109 Stoke Newington Road. One of them, Palatine House, is a Regency fronted, earlier farmhouse said to be extremely attractive. Both houses have lost many features and are in an advanced state of disrepair. The two together with planning permission for 11 modern town houses, are being offered for £260,000.

Palatine House is said once to have been the home of John Wesley, the preacher and writer of hymns, and the smaller house was once the home of Anna Sewell, the author of "Black Beauty."

Hackney is still a fertile hunting ground for lovers of Georgian architecture in search of a bargain. The proviso is that buyers must generally be prepared to spend time and money doing a place up. Hackney has been known for some time as what the borough of Islington was 20 or 30 years ago and prices are rising now many properties have been renovated.

As an example of what has happened in Hackney, 89 Stoke Newington Church Street, a listed building with a fine portico, was converted into two bedroomed flats. Flats were sold for £29,950 a year ago and the agent, R. B. James, tells me he will be asking another £10,000 apiece when some come back on to the market.

Dickens's London may be alive and well in parts of Hackney but gentrification is making its inexorable progress as in so many inner city areas. It does not always happen in time to save historic buildings.

Preservation of the experts

WHILE the Government's Bill to abolish the G L C and the metropolitan counties makes its way through Parliament, some uncertainty remains over future policy towards London's heritage of historic buildings — for the body responsible for them, the G L C Historic Buildings Division, is to disappear in 1986.

In fact, it seems that the Division, probably the least criticised part of the G L C, is to survive as part of English Heritage, the quango headed by Lord Montague of Beaulieu.

Though the future of most of the 60-odd experts who work for the Division seems assured, it is by no means clear yet that the new bureaucracy will pursue the same enlightened policy towards listed buildings. Ashley Barker, the Division's head, says of the new body: "The Bill seems to provide all the necessary powers we have now but the Secretary of State still has to make clear the level of funding and the policies that might be adopted."

These very large questions now lie at the door of the Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, and we will undoubtedly be hearing them raised again.

Additional anxieties have been voiced by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and other groups about the future of rather smaller numbers of heritage experts currently retained by the metropolitan counties—also to be abolished.

The G L C's large historic buildings staff is in part due to the council's unique position in the country as both a grant issuing authority and the authority in charge of awarding listed buildings consent for improvements.

To complicate matters further, some of the G L C Historic Buildings Division's functions are not mirrored by those of English Heritage in other parts of the country, for example the erecting of blue plaques on the front of houses in London where famous people have lived.

The G L C Historic Buildings Division has also pioneered grants to smaller, less significant listed buildings in their Town Schemes in Tottenham, Spitalfields, Kensington and Greenwich. Having used one of these to restore a derelict listed building myself in Spitalfields, I can vouch for the fact that various features have been preserved which would otherwise have been too costly to restore—though there is an argument which says that the availability of grants simply inflates the price it costs to buy the property in the first place.

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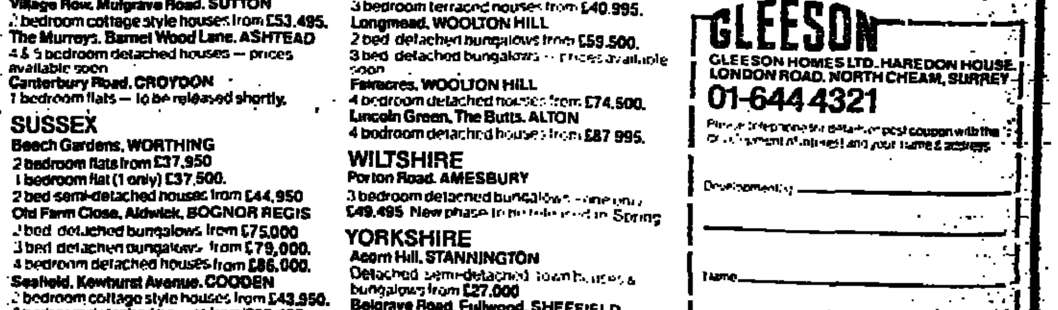

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SAD ENGLAND DOWN TO 12 FIT PLAYERS

By MICHAEL CAREY in Ballarat

SERIOUS injury to Tim Robinson, who has a broken thumb, and Chris Cowdrey, who may have fractured a wrist, left England with negligible satisfaction from their four-run win over a Victorian State XI in Ballarat yesterday.

The chances are they will be down to 12 fit players for most, if not all, their remaining matches in the World Cricket Championship, having been obliged to declare their squad of 14 on Sunday.

Robinson, whose right thumb was put in a splint soon after he was struck in the seventh over of the match, is likely to need a month to recover.

Cowdrey batted on after being hit but, although bruising was diagnosed, he fears his left wrist may be broken and is to have a second X-ray.

Gatting X-ray

It could have been worse, for on a day when England dominated the out-patients' department of the local hospital, if not the match, Mike Gatting also had an X-ray on a hand damaged in Sunday's game.

But it is only bruised, and he at least will be fit, though he will miss the next up-country match at Bendigo tomorrow as a precaution.

What good news there was concerned the efforts of England's spinners, Vic Marks and Phil Edmonds, plus Allan Lamb, whose vigorous 95 from 71 balls earned him the Man of the Match award, which, unsurprisingly in this part of the world, consisted of a gold nugget.

There were, alas, not too many nuggets of gold among England's faster bowlers, Cowans, Agnew and Foster, who, although they tightened up towards the end, yielded no fewer than 170 runs between them from 25 overs.

The rousing start that they permitted the Victorian XI, a full State side minus only Jones, Hogg and O'Donnell, who are playing in the World Championship, enabled them to come close to inflicting defeat on England after they had made 268 for five from 50 overs.

England's resources were so embarrassingly stretched that Lamb was pressed into service at a point when the State team needed only 17 from seven overs with four wickets left and more orthodox sources had failed to produce the length and line required.

In two impeccable overs of medium pace, Lamb gave away only four runs, which induced an hitherto improbable measure of self-doubt to what seemed to be a match-winning partnership of 88 between Bright and King.

It also encouraged Lamb's peers in the England attack, and the impressive King, after finding much that could be pulled or cut, was persuaded by their new-found accuracy to slog unnecessarily at Foster, and Gower caught him off the resulting top-edge.

If this was a piece of luck England had scarcely earned, there was nothing wrong with their out-cricket, and soon afterwards Ellison, the substitute, completed a trio of excellent catches with diving efforts off McCarthy and Bright at mid-on and long-off, to see England home with 10 balls left.

Risks involved

All this was much to the liking of a good crowd on a glorious day and on a ground where England had first appeared in 1882 and had last been led by W. R. Hammond in 1947.

Gratifying though it was for those, like myself, who believe these fixtures should be maintained, the game was a reminder of the risks involved for a touring side in alien conditions.

Here this meant not only a bumpy outfield, which is used for Australian Rules Football, but also a hard, well-grassed pitch from which the ball bounced generously and on which England's fast bowlers—presuming a degree of straightness—might have been lethal, had Gower won the toss.

It was probably the quickest pitch England have encountred on this tour, and although Victoria had no one of outstanding pace, Robinson quickly met a ball from McCarthy, making his first appearance for the State, which lifted from around a length and hit the end of his thumb.

Some time later, Cowdrey was struck by a ball from Davis, which came back to hit him on the wrist which had been recently struck by Ellison during net practice.

His arm was in a sling last night, and he said he felt the pain might mean the injury was more than bruising.

The sight of the ball bouncing, however, is a perennial temptation to fast bowlers, especially those lacking experience, to dig it in short.

Whatmore and Yallop, both former Test players, could probably have hardly believed their luck in finding their strength at pulling and cutting fed with increasing regularity.

Between times, the ball also flew all over the place, off top edges and such like, and the pair added 132 from only 18 overs for the second wicket before Yallop was caught in the deep off Marks.

With Edmonds finding excellent control at the other end, Marks completed a spell of five for 16 in 35 deliveries, finishing with Whatmore, who missed a worthy hundred by only one when top-edging his 85th delivery.

Tim Robinson . . . broken thumb may take a month to mend.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND

*P. R. Downton c Dimattina, b King	23
R. T. Robinson, ret hurt	3
M. D. Moxon, c Jordan, b Bright	36
*D. I. Gower, c Siddons, b Yallop	34
A. J. Lamb, b McCarthy	95
C. S. Cowdrey, c Whatmore, b Davis	32
V. J. Marks, not out	14
P. H. Edmonds, not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 5, nb 3)	19
50 overs. Total (5 wkts)	268

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-104, 3-130, 4-218, 5-259.

Did not bat: J. P. Agnew, N. A. Foster, N. G. Cowans.

Bowling: Davis 10-1-60-1, McCarthy 10-1-60-1, King 10-0-43-1; Yallop 10-1-46-1; Bright 10-1-48-1.

VICTORIA

P. Young, c Edmonds, b Foster	0
D. F. Whatmore, c Lamb, b Marks	99
*G. N. Yallop, c Foster, b Marks	45
M. D. Taylor, c Gower, b Marks	1
J. Siddons, c Cowdrey, b Marks	11
G. Jordan, c sub, b Marks	5
R. J. Bright, c sub, b Agnew	41
P. King, c Gower, b Foster	32
†M. Dimattina, b Foster	0
R. McCarthy, c sub, b Cowans	0
S. P. Davies, not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 4)	12
Total (48·2 overs)	264

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-137, 3-140, 4-156, 5-165, 6-168, 7-256, 8-260, 9-261, 10-264.

Bowling: Cowans 10-0-68-1, Foster 9-0-45-3, Agnew 6·2-0-59-1, Cowdrey 1-0-12-0, Edmonds 10-2-28-0, Marks 10-0-42-5, Lamb 2-0-4-0.

England won by four runs.

* captain, † wicketkeeper.

Athletics

HARRISON IN ATHENS SQUAD

By KEN MAYS

ROB HARRISON, from Liverpool, will be hoping to maintain his unbeaten indoor record when he competes for Britain in the European Championships in Athens on March 2-3.

Harrison, 25, who began indoor running last year with two England internationals, has been nominated in a 19-strong squad at either the 1,500 or 800 metres.

It is almost certain, however, that he will compete over the shorter distance.

He won the 1,500 metres in the national championships and also against West Germany, but reverted to the 800 metres against Italy in Genoa on Saturday, where he recorded a personal best 1min. 47·81sec.

"I have qualified for both events in Athens and would like to know the opposition for the 1,500 metres. At this stage I'm edging towards the 800 metres because I have more experience at the distance," he said.

Seeking third win

But the Liverpool Polytechnic student will have his mind on something else today, for he is running in the Merseyside Colleges local league cross-country event where he hopes to gain his third victory of the season.

It could mean that Britain will be without a 1,500-metre runner in the match for, although the selectors have named Lynn Macdougall, from Glasgow, who celebrated her 20th birthday on Monday, she is almost certain to refuse the invitation.

The selectors have medals in mind in the men's match, for all 12 chosen are track athletes. Diana Davies and Judy Oakes are the only two field competitors in the squad.

Roger Black, as expected, joins his Southampton colleagues, Todd Bennett and Kris Akabusi, in the 400 metres. Akabusi, an army PT sergeant, wins selection after a fine relay run in Italy.

Efforts rewarded

There are several athletes who did well in Italy who have gained reward for their efforts, including Earl Tulloch and Lindford Christie, who join Ade Mafe in the 200 metres.

Colin Jackson is also chosen alongside his Cardiff colleague Nigel Walker and Jon Ridgeon, the Newmarket youngster, who won the national 60 metres hurdles championship last month and a bronze medal in the World Games.

Mrs Davies in the high jump and Miss Oakes, the shot, are now at the top of their form while Heather Oakes is running better indoors than ever before.

Kirsty McDermott, the Commonwealth 800 metres champion, has proved a rejuvenated runner this season, after all the disappointments of 1984, and deserves her selection.

Two 22-year-olds who, though radically dissimilar in size—Dark Blue Bruce Philp is 6ft 2½in, and Henrietta Shaw 5-3—will both merit a footnote in Boat Race history. He is the only rower to be chosen by both Universities; she is the first woman to cox Cambridge.

Picture: MICHAEL PATTISON

The team

MEN

60 metres: L. Asquith (Birchfield), M. McFarlane (Haringey).

200m: A. Mafe (London Irish), E. Tulloch (Sale), L. Christie (Thames Valley).

400m: R. Black, T. Bennett, K. Akabusi (all Southampton).

800 or 1,500m: R. Harrison (Liverpool H).

60m hurdles: J. Ridgeon (Cambridge), N. Walker (Cardiff), C. Jackson (Cardiff).

WOMEN

60m: H. Oakes (Haringey).
200m: J. Baptiste (Wolverhampton).
800m: K. McDermott (Bristol).
1,500m: L. MacDougall (Glasgow).
3,000m: Y. Murray (Edinburgh AC).
High Jump: D. Davies (Leicester).
Shot: J. Oakes (Croydon).

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BADMINTON.—Essex Ch'ships (Redbridge SC).

BASKETBALL (8).—Nat. Lge. Div. I: Bracknell v Kingston (7.30): C. Palace v Solent: Worthing v Bolton. Div. II: Tower Hamlets v Derby.

DARTS.—Dry Blackthorn Cider Masters. Finals (Oldham).

ATARI LONDON LGE. — Oxford Univ. v Teddington (2.45).

REPRESENTATIVE.—RAF v London Univ. (RAF Uxbridge): UAU v HA XI (Loughborough Univ., 2.45).

LAWN TENNIS.—LTA Satellite Circuit (D. Lloyd SRC, Heston).

ROAD RUNNING. — Bexley-Croydon GP (Bromley, 7).

SNOOKER. — Dulux British Open (Derby).

THE CREWS

OXFORD.—G. J. Cartledge (Hampton & New College) bow, C. L. Richmond (St Edward's & Christ Church), B. M. Philp* (Bryanston, Downing & Worcester), A. M. S. Thomas (Winchester & Pembroke), P. M. Hare (St Albans & Balliol), G. R. D. Jones* (Sydney Univ. & New College), W. J. Lang* (Wallingford & Magdalene), F. M. Reininger (Pennsylvania Univ. & University) stroke, S. M. Lesser* (Princeton Univ. & Magdalen) cox.

CAMBRIDGE.—J. S. Witter (Pangbourne & St Catharine's) bow, M. L. Pasternak (Bradford GS & Magdalene), J. D. Hughes (Bedford Modern & Downing), P. H. Broughton (Southampton Univ. & Magdalene), S. M. Peel (King's Chester & Downing), J. M. Pritchard* (St Clement Danes & Robinson), J. L. Garrett* (Shrewsbury & St John's), G. A. Barnard* (Lakefield Coll. Sch., Canada & Robinson) stroke, H. L. Shaw (Harrogate & St John's) cox.

* Blue.

Motor Cycling

TRANTER'S POST

Tony Tranter, 56, principal of the Merton Technical College, South London, is to be the new Secretary-General of the Auto-Cycle Union. He takes over from Ken Shierson.

Boat Race—April 6

Female 'Henry' Cambridge cox

By GEOFFREY PAGE

TWO records have already been set in this year's Boat Race, some six and a half weeks before the crews are due to meet. Bruce Philp, 22, will become the first rowing Blue to change his allegiance from Cambridge to Oxford, and Henrietta Shaw, also 22, the first woman to steer Cambridge.

The crews, announced yesterday b ythe two presidents, contain two surprises. Last year's Cambridge stroke, John Kinsella, has lost his place to Louis Pasternak as a result of last weekend's seat racing, while a similar fate has overtaken Oxford's Canadian, Tim Evans.

Brother of the twins, Mark and Mike, who rowed twice for Oxford before going on to win gold medals in the Canadian Olympic eight last summer, Evans was edged out in Oxford's final tests by the Isis oarsman Matthew Thomas.

Thomas stroked Isis yesterday in tthe postponed final trial and pushed Oxford hard enough to gain his place, and so Chris Bourne, who stroked thte senior crew yesterday, has once again just failed to find a seat.

Tradition varied

In yesterday's formal challenge issued by Cambridge at a reception given by Ladbroke's, now in the ninth year of Boat Race sponsorship, John Garrett, the president, varied the traditional challenge to that used a few years ago when Sue Brown was chosen to cox Oxford.

He invited Oxford to select "nine good men and true" to row against his eight "plus one good woman and true." Thus Miss Shaw, known as "Henry" becomes only th esecond woman to steer in the race after 130 previous contests.

Miss Shaw's father, Giles Shaw, the Home Affairs Minister, was also a cox at his daughter's college, steering Lady Margaret, the boat club of St John's, in 1954. "He knows something of what it's about," she said.

However, she is firmly against following her father into a political career when she goes down from Cambridge later in the year. Appropriately, for a person of 6½ st, she is more interested in health foods.

A vegetarian, who won a half-Blue in cros country running, she is determined to trim several pounds before th erace.

Asked about her ability to avoid moored barges before the race, following her immediate predecessor's unfortunate contretemps, "Henry" commented: "I'll probably get my eyes tested beforehand." So far, in practice, she has shown good judgment.

For Philp, selection for Oxford presents a great chalelnge which he has been quick to accept. Twice in the losing crew when he rowed for Cambridge in 1983 and 1965, and demoted to Goldie last year, he has something to prove.

His motivation to succeed this year is considerable. Asked if he felt he was being disloyal to his old university, he commented wryly that there was a long history of traitors at Cambridge.

But he did not think anybody was upset by his defection. Garrett was magnanimous about it yesterday. "If he wants to further his rowing career, Oxford is a very good place to do it," he said.

The Challenge

Now hear this, all ye citizens of London.

I, John Garrett, as is laid down in accordance with the University Boat Race Official Charter, hereby challenge you, Lynton Richmond, to select nine good men and true from the University of Oxford to row against eight good men and true and one good woman and true from the University of Cambridge over four-and a quarter miles on the River Thames, London, from the University Boat Race stone at Putney to Mortlake over the Championship course.

On acceptance of the challenge we shall meet on the aforesaid River Thames at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, 6th April 1985, where our skills and endurance will be put to the test.

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Cricket

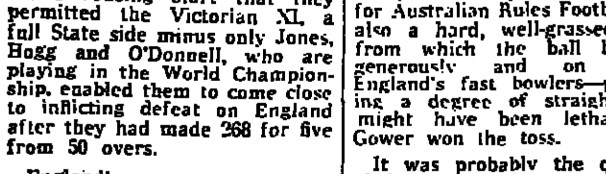
IMRAN IS BACK IN THE FRAY

Imran Khan, Pakistan's leading all-rounder, said he nearly dropped out of the World Championship of Cricket in Australia because of his mother's death.

Imran, whose availability has now given Pakistan's chances an enormous boost, flew home last week to be with his mother who was dying of cancer.

Pakistan meet India under floodlights today at Melbourne following the postponement of yesterday's match at Sydney between West Indies and New Zealand because of rain. That match will now be played tomorrow.

WOMEN'S ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (New Delhi): New Zealand 174-7. India 172.



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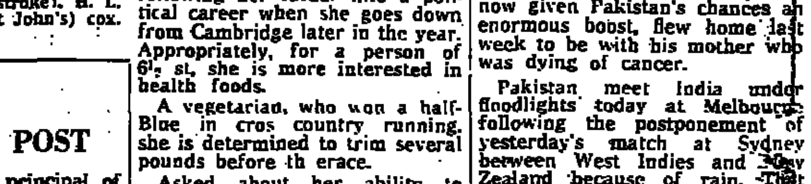

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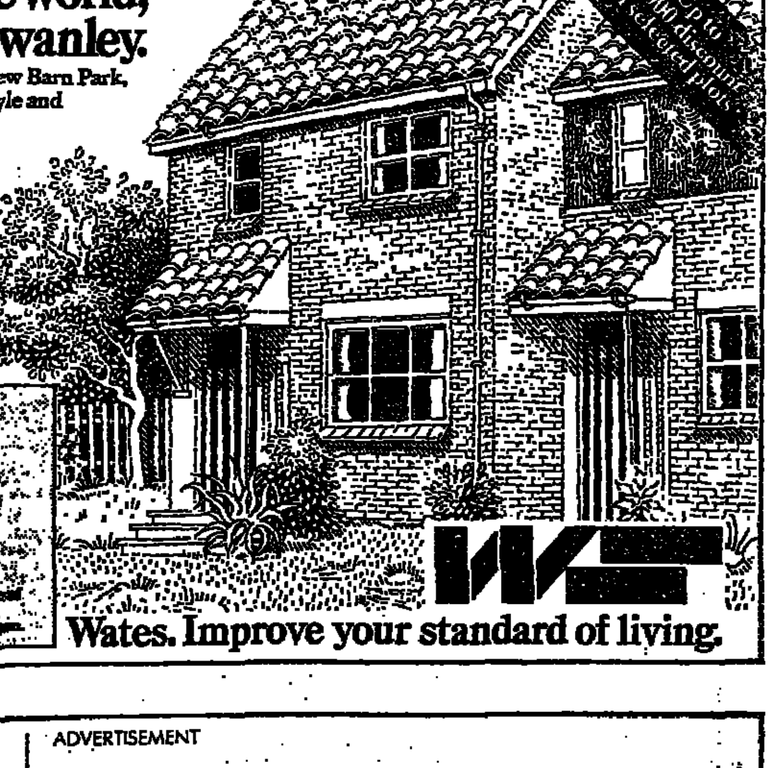

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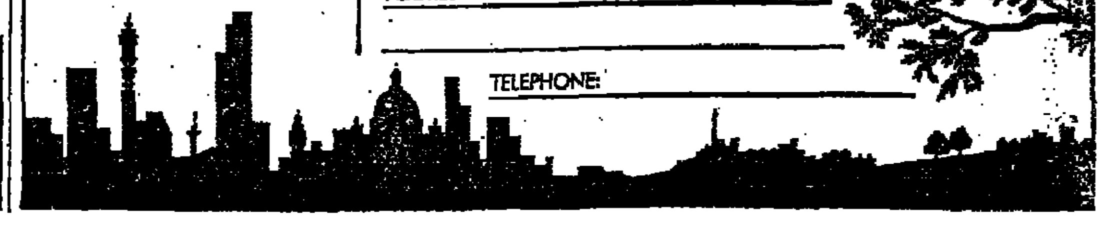


LEOPARDSTOWN THAW OFFERS ARARUN HOPES

By HOTSPUR

WARMER weather offers hope that the long blank spell for racing will soon be over. Two Irish meetings today, at Leopardstown and Downpatrick, hinge on 7 a.m. inspections, although there will be no racing in Britain before Friday at the earliest.

Tomorrow's meetings at Folkestone and Wincanton suffered abandonment yesterday, and Friday's meetings at Kempton Park and Southwell are in doubt because of frost.

Kempton inspect at 3 p.m. today, and Michael Webster, clerk of the course, offered little hope yesterday, saying: "Unless we get a significant thaw for 24 hours, prospects are not bright."

Frost also threatens the Southwell programme, but with rain forecast, the Nottinghamshire course are delaying their inspection until 9.30 a.m. tomorrow.

High-class card

Leopardstown are likely to reap the benefit of being able to postpone meetings, a facility denied other than the most important British fixtures. Today's high-class card features the Grand National favourite, Greasepaint, and Ireland's most promising Champion Hurdle hope, Ararun.

Paddy Mullins, who guided Dawn Run to championship honours last season, has a ready-made successor to his brilliant mare in Ararun, whose six victories in a row over jumps could hardly have been predicted by his far less impressive credentials in bumpers' events on the Flat.

Ararun won three times from 14 starts in Flat races, but since switching to hurdles, he has won all his races with great authority. He did not begin over hurdles until last October, and has completed his six-timer despite a short break because of a minor injury.

Ararun returned for a long-distance novices' event over today's course at the beginning of the month, winning by a distance from the moderate Autumn Tide, and should win comfortably today.

Local bookmakers rate Ararun an odds-on chance to beat today's Wessel Cable Hurdle opposition, which is weakened by the absence of his stable-companion Passage Creeper, who is coughing.

Bajan Sunshine, winner of last season's valuable Tia Maria Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park has an excellent chance of earning place money, but the sharp inner circuit of the track will not help a horse whose main asset is stamina.

Bajan Sunshine, winner of the 1983 Tote Cesarewitch, will need to give a prominent showing here to justify a Champion Hurdle challenge next month.

The other fascinating runner in the Wessel Cables Hurdle is the four-year-old Tondbad, successful in the significant juvenile trial, the Duffy Meats Hurdle, at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting.

Tondbad, trained by Greasepaint's handler Dermot Weld, had the alternative of a clash with contemporaries at Punchestown on Saturday. A prominent showing today would give this filly's supporters encouragement about her Daily Express Triumph Hurdle prospects.

Tondbad, a 14-1 chance in latest batting, is the shortest-priced Irish challenger.

Greasepaint's task in the Harold Clarke Lepoardstown 'Chase over three miles has not been helped by the overnight withdrawal of the former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Bregawn.

Paddy Mullins, who recently took charge of Bregawn, is keeping the 11-year-old in reserve for the Ladbrokes National Trial over three and threequarter miles on Saturday and Greasepaint now carries 12st.

Rain in Ireland

There was steady rain at Leopardstown yesterday afternoon, so the goin gwill be testing. Under such conditions, the lightly-weighted Clonthturtin may be better value.

Cheltenham candidates Boreen Prince, Buck House, Lucisis, and Gays Delight promise a thrilling encounter in the Wessel Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup, won last year by Bobsline. The six-year-old Lucisis, from the Bobsline table, was well behind Boreen Prince at Fairyhouse, but should do better over today's shorter trip.

Martin Pipe seen at his impressive Somerset stables with two of his Cheltenham possibles Quickstep (left) and Right Regent.

Big freeze brings out best in Pipe enterprise

By DANIEL COUPLAND

WHILE most trainers have been left counting the cost of the recent freeze. Martin Pipe is reaping the rewards of his enterprise with 10 wins from his last 33 runners.

Pipe, 39, has run up these impressive figures during a period when 67 of the 112 meetings scheduled have been lost to the weather.

Battling against the elements in an area famed for its cider apples, the Somerset trainer says there is no secret behind his recent success. "It's a matter of being prepared for every eventuality," he says.

"We completed a seven-furlong all-weather gallop last October, but there was no point if we allowed ourselves to get snowed in, so we went out and bought a snow-blowing machine and haven't missed a day's work all winter."

With 25 winners this season, Pipe is on course to beat last season's best total of 32, and looking around his impressive yard it is not difficult to appreciate that he has the best training facilities in the West Country.

His stable, sited on a 300-acre farm, houses a walking machine for eight horses, a weighing machine, an equine pool and a solarium. He has a bungalow for some of his staff, and is in the process of completing a hostel for 15 lads, a covered ride, and a laboratory in which he will check on the blood counts of his horses.

The hostel was once used as council offices in Taunton but the portable building has been assembled in Pipe's yard along with a part of the local railway station, which covers the barn area. "Dad's marvellous at picking up bargains," Pipe says.

In eight years Pipe has transformed a broken-down pig farm into an impressive training establishment for 32 National Hunt horses and 18 others being prepared for the Flat.

"My uncle used to train point-to-pointers on the farm," Pipe says, "and that whetted my appetite. He taught me to ride and although I was never much good, the bookmakers cheered to a man when I rode my first winner between the flags at Bishops Leigh in Devon.

Ironic reminder

"Being the son of a Taunton bookmaker helped, but they were really cheering because I upset the odds-on favourite."

That first winner was called Weather Permitting, an ironic reminder of the present stop-start winter campaign.

After only five rides under Rules and a broken thigh sustained at Taunton, Pipe started training as a permit-holder in 1977. Two years later he applied for a full licence and chalked up 12 winners in his first season.

Baron Blakeney . . . Pipe's first big-race winner.

"Most of my victories came from sellers in those days and my policy has not changed much since. There are a lot of bad races around and I have often bought a horse specifically to win one of them."

Pipe has also shown that given the right horse he is capable of winning big races, as Baron Blakeney proved in the 1981 DAILY EXPRESS Triumph Hurdle.

"To this day I don't know how he started at 66-1," he says. "He was rated ninth on juvenile form and only 10lb below Broadsword, the favourite. At those odds we all had a nice touch and Bob Wheatley, his owner, won £100,000 on the race."

It is not often that Pipe's horses start at those odds and his stable is renowned for having a tilt at the ring, with several coups leaving his father's bookmaking friends out of pocket.

The name Carrie-Ann brings a smile of satisfaction to Pipe's face as he recalls her wi nat 33-1 in a selling handicap hurdle at Haydock Park in 1979.

"She had been off the course for two years with leg trouble, but she was as genuine as they come and I knew I had her spot-on for the race. I've loved Haydock ever since."

Royal Ascot success

Royal Ascot also holds a special place in his memory, after his win with Right Regent in the Ascot Stakes. "It was a marvellous experience," he says. "My wife Carol was all dressed up with her Ascot hat on and there we were greeting our Royal winner.

"Right Regent is the Rolls Royce of the stable. He stays for ever and loves soft ground. I think he has a tremendous chance in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham next month."

Pipe hopes to run six others at the Festival meeting but with three entries, his plans for the Triumph Hurdle have had to be put on ice until the weather relents.

Quickstep best

"I've entered Irish Lord, Hieronymous and Quickstep. Quickstep cost 22,000gns out of Clive Brittain's stable and I think he's the best of them. He hasn't been out yet, but I'm hoping to run him at Kempton on Saturday.

"He works brilliantly but time is running short and I may have trouble qualifying him for the race."

Pipe adds confidently, "Quickstep will be there—weather permitting."

No-one can fail to appreciate the optimism of Martin Charles Pipe, the local Somerset lad whose dark blue Rolls Royce—registration MCP1—is testimony to his success.

Golf

CLASSIC'S BIG GAME GALLERY

By ADRIAN FREDERICK in Phalaborwa

A COURSE on which the emphasis is more on non-golfing terms like elephant, lion and hippo than on birdies and eagles is the venue for the eighth leg of the Sunshine Circuit, the £50.000 Phalaborwa Classic, which begins in South Africa today.

The Hans Merensky Club—named after a mining pioneer who discovered vast copper and phosphate deposits in the arae—is built on land that once belonged to the Kruger National Park, one of the world's major game reserves.

Indeed, the eastern boundary of the course is th epark itself and it is not uncommon for golfers to tee off under the curious stare of wildlife like giraffes, buffalo, buck and elephant.

A herd of 15 hippo has set up home in the dam over which the short 17th is played, while nine lion and leopard kills have been recorded on the 20-year-old course.

Leopard's kill

During construction workers were constantly confronted by wild animals and reptiles and there was many a dash for safety from the threat of an angry elephant or a stalking cat.

The most recent kill, about five years ago, occurred alongside the sixth tee and the leopard dragged its prey into the upper branches of a nearby tree.

The club offers the added attraction of a first-class championship lay-out. This is the first time that a Sunshine Circuit tournament has been played here in the North-eastern Transvaal.

The British challenge has been weakened by the return home of Des Smyth while Paul Way, the winner of the Charity Classic 10 days ago, has also gone back.

Warren Humphreys, Ian Mosey and Mark Johnson are all in the top 20 on the money list, while Andrew Chndler will be hoping to continue where he left off in the Charity Classic when he recorded a career-best third.

There is also incentive for last year's European Rookie of the year, Philip Prkin, who is only 35th on the money list and needs to get into the top 30 to earn exempt status next year.

The Wild Coast Tournament which was washed without a shot being played last week, has been re-scheduled for March 14-17 and the orangisers are hoping to feature Open champion Seve Ballesteros as the main attraction.

Grand Prix Motor Racing

Monaco go ahead as peace pact is agreed

By BRIAN ALLEN

AFTER teetering on the brink of extinction for many months, the Monaco Grand Prix, most glamorous of motor races, now looks certain to take place on May 19 as the fourth round in the World Championship series.

Following a whole chapter of almost desperate meetings between the many interested parties in the past few days — including one staged by sponsors in Switzerland at the weekend — a compromise agreement was announced yesterday in Paris.

A special meeting of the assembly of the FIA (the International Automobile Federation) met yesterday to vote on a recommendation to expel the Monaco Automobile Club and so ban them from staging a world championship race.

The meeting decided, by 54 votes to two, not to throw out the Monaco club, subject to lawyers from both sides agreeing by March 2 to certain recommendations.

Pressure from sponsors

These are that the FIA should have the television rights for the race, that the club drops a series of lawsuits against the FIA, and reimburses the FIA for legal expenses said to amount to some £70,000.

Though yesterday's agreement is being described as a compromise, there seems little doubt that it is a climb-down by Monaco.

Pressure has undoubtedly come from sponsors, for whom the Monaco GP is the jewel in their motor racing crown, and from the Formula One constructors whose major income comes from sponsors.

At issue was the thorny question of the television rights for the race, which the club had assigned to the American network, ABC.

There has been a long-standing feud between Michel Boeri, president of the Monaco Automobile Club, and Jean-Marie Balestre, president of FISA, motor sport's ruling body, which brought the recent on-off-on situation for the Monte Carlo Rally.

M. Boeri was making optimistic noises after yesterday's meeting. He claimed Monaco was not a rich club, but anticipates help from "friends"—in other words, sponsors—to help defray the legal charges.

Bernie Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors Association, said he considered the race is now on.

Award for Llewellin

By COLIN DRYDEN

The Pirelli-Triple C Diamond Award, worth £1,000, was presented in London yesterday to David Llewellin, 24, of Haverfordwest, South Wales, for his outstanding performances in winning the 1984 RAC Nationall Rally Championship.

He is competing in this year's RAC Open Championship in a works supported Audi Quattro alongside Michelle Mouton. Previous winners of the award include world rally champions Hannu Mikkola and Stig Blomqvist.

Cycling

£150,000 TOUR OF IRELAND

By PHIL LIGGETT

Alan Rushton, the British promoter who in two years has transformed the image of professional cycle racing in Britain, turned his attention to Ireland yesterday when he announced a £150,000 Nissan sponsorship for a five days Tour of Ireland in September.

The Nissan International Classic will be Ireland's richest-ever race attracting home rider's Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche as well as other top Continental names. The Irishmen ranked one and five in the world, have been forced to live abroad for some years because of a lack of competition at home.

Pat McQuaid, Ireland's national trainer, who will direct the race from Sept. 25 to 29, said: "It's the greatest happening to Irish cycling ever. At last we can capitalise on the success of Kelly and Roche."

Leopardstown runners, riders and form guide

IRISH CORR.	FORM
1.45—Bankers Benefit	1.45—Golden Warrior
2.15—Dancing Guy	2.15—Marc Millar
2.45—Buck House	2.45—Buck House
3.15—Ararun	3.15—ARARUN (nap)
3.45—GREASEPAINT (nap)	3.45—Seskin Bridge
4.15—Baltic Sea	4.15—Baltic Sea
4.45—Deer Crest	4.45—Olan Lad

Advance Official Going: YIELDING TO SOFT

● 7 a.m. INSPECTION

1.45: SANDYMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE Value to Winner £1,380 3m (13 declared)

1 0040F4 VULBUCK, E. J. O'Grady, 7 11-10 .... T. J. O'Ryan
2 310113 BANKERS BENEFIT, J. Fowler, 5 11-9 .... N. Madden
3 230313 GOLDEN WARRIOR, J. H. Scott, 5 11-1 .... P. Gill
4 000100 DEEP SOUTH, F. Flood, 6 10-10 .... F. Berry
5 000201 SHAHREZA, P. Mullins, 5 10-10 .... A. Mullins
6 400201 AUGHRIM HILL, P. Hughes, 6 10-7 .... H. Rogers
7 020 PATCHING, B. V. Kelly, 7 10-5 .... T. Carmody
8 000031 LARRY'S PEACH, J. Crowley, 6 10-3 .... K. F. O'Brien
9 000202 CLAREMORE BOY, J. R. Cox, 6 10-1 .... J. P. Byrne
10 MIDNIGHT HUSTLE, R. Lister, 9 9-13 .... —
11 00 AFFABILITY (BL), R. Evans, 7 9-12 .... A. Powell
12 0000 CUT EM DOWN (BL), Miss G. O'Brien, 8 9-9 .... M. J. Byrne
13 000400 SUMMERELLO, W. Newman, 7 9-9 .... —

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Golden Warrior, 3 Bankers Benefit, 9-2 Vulbuck, 11-2 Aughrim Hill, 13-2 Larry's Peach, 10 Shahreza, 14 Claremore Boy, 20 others.

Last year: Grangebarry 6 10-13 P. Clarke 10-1 E. P. Harty. 15 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Aughrim Hill beat Newlar (gave 6lb) by 5l over today's course (2½m) Feb 2 with Affability (level) 10th of 11 (yielding). Golden Warrior was beaten 12l when 3rd to Sierra Baron (rec 4lb) over today's course (2m) Feb 2 (yielding). Larry's Peach beat S T Blue (rec 11lb) by 12l at Gowran Park (2½m) Jan 29 (soft). Previously Larry Peach was beaten 5l by For Jon (level) over today's course and distance Jan 12 with Banker's Benefit (gave 26lb) a further sh hd away 3rd. Shahreza (gave 10lb) a further 1½l away 5th and Summerello (level) a further 4l away 6th of 14 (good). Claremore Boy was beaten 2½l by Drualliss (gave 12lb) at Naas (2m) Feb 6 (yielding).

GOLDEN WARRIOR is preferred to Banker's Benefit

2.15: STILLORGAN 4-Y-O HURDLE £2,070 2m (14)

1 04011 REFLEX ACTION, J. P. Kavanagh, 11-0 .... Maria Cullen (7)
2 00001 DANCING GUY, M. F. Morris, 10-11 .... T. Carmody
3 001 NINO VOLADOR, M. A. O'Toole, 10-11 .... N. Madden
4 000 ACTION GIRL, N. Meade, 10-7 .... P. Leech
5 6004 ALL GREY, E. P. Harty, 10-7 .... A. Powell
6 AMAL LEES HOPE, K. Prendergast, 10-7 .... —
7 00 ATHERSTONE, N. Meade, 10-7 .... Mr D. O'Connor (5)
8 0000 BLAKES SOVEREIGN, A. Geraghty, 10-7 .... P. Hynes (3)

Ararun, who defends his unbeaten record in the 3.15.

9 000 GRECIAN TOO (BL), L. Browne, 10-7 .... M. T. Browne (5)
10 0 LADOISKO, K. Prendergast, 10-7 ....
11 0000 LION AND LAMB, J. Murphy, 10-7 .... Mr R. J. Beggan
12 3302 MARC MILLER, D. T. Hughes, 10-7 .... T. Morgan
13 0222 SILVER TRAY, C. Grassick, 10-7 .... F. Berry
14 43 TASHINA, J. G. Murphy, 10-7 .... T. McGivern

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Marc Millar, 4 Dancing Guy, 5 Reflex Action, 7 Nino Volador, 8 Silver Tray, 10 All Grey, 14 others.

Last year: Clarin Bridge 10-11 Brian Nolan 16-1 (J. S. Bolger). 22 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Marc Millar was beaten 2l by Sierra Baron (gave 18lb) over today's course and distance Feb 2 (yielding). Dancing Guy beat Very Seldom (rec 3lb) by 4l at Clonmel (2m) Feb 7 (heavy). Nino Volador beat Silver Tray (level) by 5l at Clonmel (2m) Feb 7 with Tashina (rec 3lb) a further 1½l away 3rd (heavy). Reflex Action beat Superscientic (gave 17lb) by 2l at Naas (2m) Jan 26 with All Grey (gave 7lb) 9th of 10 (yielding to soft).

MARC MILLAR may beat Dancing Guy

2.45: WESSEL-ARKLE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 'CHASE £7,371 2¼m (8)

1 211212 BOREEN PRINCE, A. J. McNamara, 8 11-9 .... B. Sheridan
2 152541 BUCK HOUSE, M. F. Morris, 7 11-9 .... T. Carmody
3 331135 LUCISIS, F. Flood, 6 11-7 .... F. Berry
4 521450 DARK IVY, J. R. Cox, 9 11-1 .... Mr C. P. Magnier
5 00R120 GAY'S DELIGHT, M. Cunningham, 7 11-1 .... K. Morgan
6 010341 RUN FOR GOLD, M. J. P. O'Brien, 6 11-1 .... J. P. Byrne
7 40444 BIT OF THE ACTION, E. J. O'Grady, 8 10-11 .... T. J. Ryan
8 00 FINANCIAL CRISIS, M. Cunningham, 6 10-11 .... A. Powell

S.P. FORECAST: 11-10 Buck House, 5-2 Boreen Prince, 7 Lucisis, 8 Dark Ivy, 12 Gay's Delight, Bit Of The Action, 16 Run For Gold, 33 Financial Crisis.

Last year: Bobsline 8 11-9 F. Berry 4-5F (F. Flood). 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Buck House beat Knockawad (rec 7lb) by 5l over today's course (2½m) Jan 12 (good). Boreen Prince was beaten 3½l by Antarctic Bay (level) at Fairyhouse (2¼m) Feb 9 with Lucisis (rec 3lb) a further 15l away 3rd (heavy). Gay's Delight was beaten 26l when 6th of 7 to Sula Bula (level) at Ascot (2m) Feb 6 (good). Run For Gold beat Tyholland (level) by 4l over today's course (2½m) Feb 2 (yielding). Bit Of The Action was beaten 13½l when 4th to Brighter London (gave 4lb) at Clonmel (2½m) Feb 7 (heavy). Dark Ivy was 19th of 20 to Hansel Rag (rec 25lb) over the course (2m hdle) Jan 12 (good), previously was beaten ¾l, ½l when 3rd to Poets Corner (level) over the course (3m) Dec 26 with Bit Of The Action (rec 4lb) a further 6l 4th (good to yielding).

BUCK HOUSE may win again. Boreen Prince next best.

3.15: WESSEL CABLES CHAMPION HURDLE £20,979 2m (8)

1 333203 ANOTHER SHOT, P. D. McCreery, 7 11-4 .... Mr T. M. Walsh
2 111111 ARARUN, P. Mullins, 6 11-4 .... A. Mullins
3 21-4123 BAJAN SUNSHINE, M. Tate, 6 11-4 .... P. Scudamore
4 033324 FREDCOTERI, A. L. T. Moore, 9 11-4 .... T. J. Taaffe
5 2P0 MILLER HILL, D. T. Hughes, 8 11-4 .... T. Morgan
6 1111 OVER THE LAST, T. Carberry, 5 11-1 .... T. McGivern
7 101321 SIERRA BARON, John Murphy, 5 11-1 .... Mr R. J. Beggan
8 F11 TONDBAD, D. Weld, 4 10-6 .... T. Carmody

S.P. FORECAST: 10-11 Ararun, 4 Bajan Sunshine, 6 Fredcoteri, Miller Hill, 14 Tondbad, Over The Last, 20 Sierra Baron, 25 Another Shot.

Last year: Dawn Run 6 11-9 J. O'Neill 4-5F (P. Mullins). 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Ararun beat Autumn Tide (rec 19lb) by distance over today's course (2¾m) Feb 2 (yielding). Tondbad beat Brimstone Lady (level) by 2l over today's course and distance Dec 26 (good to soft). Sierra Baron beat Marc Millar (rec 18lb) by 2l over today's course and distance Feb 2 (good to soft). Over The Last beat Pointer Man (rec 15lb) by ¾l at Naas (2m) Feb 6 (good to soft). Another Shot was beaten 4½l when 3rd to Hansel Rag (rec 12lb) over today's course and distance Jan 12 with Fredcoteri (gave 15lb) a further sh hd away 4th (good). Miller Hill was 8th of 11 to Red Oyster (rec 28lb) at Naas (2m 3f) Jan 26 (good to soft). Bajan Sunshine was beaten 10½l when 3rd of 5 to Browne's Gazette (gave 4lb) at Cheltenham (2m) Dec 8 (good to soft).

ARARUN has sound claims. Fredcoteri next best.

3.45: HAROLD CLARKE LEOPARDSTOWN 'CHASE £8,255 3m (11)

1 220033 GREASEPAINT, D. K. Weld, 10 12-0 .... T. Carmody
2 242221 SESKIN BRIDGE, P. D. McCreery, 7 11-6 .... M. M. Lynch
3 010000 DALTMORE, N. Meade, 7 11-2 .... P. Leech
4 100002 KOLME, A. Geraghty, 8 10-9 .... A. Powell
5 040410 PHENIC, John Crowley, 9 10-8 .... K. F. O'Brien
6 000344 ROYAL APPOINTMENT, T. Carberry, 10 10-8 .... —
7 3/00 BLACK ORCHID, J. A. O'Connell, 9 10-7 .... J. P. Byrne
8 143001 CLONTHTURTIN, A. L. T. Moore, 11 10-6 .... —
9 040240 FORTUNE SEEKER, J. R. Cox, 10 10-4 .... P. Clarke
10 330000 LUCK DAUGHTER, Ms Cecily Purcell, 9 9-7 .... R. O'Donovan
11 000304 FUTURE PROSPERITY, A. L. T. Moore, 8 9-12 T. J. Taaffe

Royal Appointment non-runner states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Seskin Bridge, 7-2 Greasepaint, 6 Clonthturtin, 7 Daltmore, 9 Future Prosperity, 10 Kolme, 16 others.

Last year: Sicilian Answer 7 12-0 J. P. Byrne 10-1 (J. R. Cox). 17 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Seskin Bridge beat Rainbow Warrior (gave 16lb) by 2l at Gowran Park (3m 170y) Jan 29 with Daltmore (gave 5lb) a further 16½l 6th. Kolme (level) a further 14½l 9th, Luck Daughter (level) a further 14l 11th and Phenic (level) a further ¾l 12th of 14 (heavy). Clonthturtin beat Vulgan Angel VI (rec 23lb) by hd at Fairyhouse (3m) Jan 28 (soft). Greasepaint was beaten 11l when 3rd to Larry's Latest (rec 31lb) over the course (2½m) Feb 2 (yielding). Future Prosperity was beaten 13½l when 4th to Marcolo (gave 3lb) at Navan (3m) Jan 30 with Fortune Seeker (gave 6lb) a further 6l 5th (heavy). Royal Appointment was beaten 9¼l when 4th to Knockawad (rec 3lb) at Limerick (3m) Dec 28 (heavy).

SESKIN BRIDGE may win again. Greasepaint the danger.

4.15: FOXROCK 4-Y-O N.H. FLAT RACE (Amateur Riders) £966 2m (18)

1 00 ATTINATO, M. Kiernan, 11-3 .... M. Kiernan
2 20 BALTIC SEA, Miss G. O'Brien, 11-3 .... C. P. Magnier
3 34 CADDY, A. Kenneuy, 11-3 .... S. Kennedy (7)
4 DOWJAK, Miss R. Dowley, 11-3 .... T. Mullins (3)
5 00 GARGAMEL, Ruby Walsh, 11-3 .... T. M. Walsh
6 00 NIGHT SAFE, M. F. Morris, 11-3 .... J. Queally
7 10 PARSONS CASTLE, R. Nevin, 11-3 .... R. Nevin (7)
8 SENOR ARENAS, J. H. Scott, 11-3 .... R. Jennings
9 TONDUFF GLEN, J. C. Shearman, 11-3 .... J. Lombard (3)
10 WESTERN VISION, M. J. Carroll, 11-3 .... G. Webb (7)
11 0 BALLYCHORUS DREAM, W. Durkan, 11-0 ... J. F. Durkan (7)
12 GALA LADY, M. McKenna, 11-0 .... J. Sleator
13 MOORTOWN EXPRESS, V. Bowens, 11-0 .... A. J. Martin (3)
14 00 MORNING GROVE, N. Meade, 11-0 .... D. H. O'Connor (5)
16 NIGHT INVADER, K. Riordan, 11-0 .... K. Riordan (7)
17 RARE LADY, C. Ross, 11-0 .... A. Robson (7)
18 RIVERHEAD, F. Lacy, 11-0 .... E. Bolger

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Gargamel, 7-2 Baltic Sea, 5 Caddy, 8 Night Safe, 10 Senor Arenas, Tonduff Glen, 14 others.

Last year: Powys 10-10 Mr J. Crowley 8-1 (Joseph Crowley). 34 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Caddy was beaten 6½l when 4th to Forty Grand (level) at Naas (2m) Jan 26 with Morning Grove (gave 1lb) a further 6l 5th. Gargamel (level) a further 1l 6th, Baltic Sea (gave 7lb) a further nk 7th. Night Safe (gave 7lb) a further 4¾l 10th, Parsons Castle (gave 4lb) a further ¾l 11th and Attinato (level) 22nd (yielding to soft). Baltic Sea was beaten 2l by The Illind (rec 7lb) over the course and distance Jan 12 with Caddy (rec 7lb) a further 1½l 3rd. Ballychorus Dream (rec 10lb) a further 8¾l 8th. Night Sale (level) a further 2l 9th and Morning Grove (rec 6lb) a further 1l 11th (good).

BALTIC SEA may reverse Jan 26 placings with Caddy on altered terms

4.45: CORINTHIAN N.H. FLAT RACE (Amateur Riders) £1,035 2m (28)

1 230001 CLONEY GRANGE (BL), E. O'Dwyer, 6 12-7 ... A. D. Evans (7)
2 21 DEER CREST, J. O'Flynn, 5 12-4 .... M. Condon (7)
3 320421 OLAN LAD, J. H. Scott, 5 12-4 .... T. M. Walsh
4 0000 BALLYPRORY, P. M. Berry, 7 11-11 .... J. A. Berry (7)
5 300 BUNDLE BOY, E. J. O'Grady, 7 11-11 .... F. Codd
6 0000 OCHEEKOBEE, P. M. Berry, 6 11-11 .... B. Rothowell (7)
7 0 PLUCKY DEVIL, P. Mullins, 6 11-11 .... Ger Mullins (7)
8 200 RONALLON, P. Mullins, 6 11-11 .... T. Mullins (3)
9 03 SARACENS ANVIL, P. M. Quinlan, 6 11-11 .... —
10 0 AKAI HI-FI, M. J. Grassick, 5 11-8 .... R. Neylon (7)
11 304434 BELLE SEEKER, L. Hanbidge, 7 11-8 .... L. Hanbidge (7)
12 000 BUSHBURY FOX, W. Harney, 5 11-8 .... P. J. Finn
13 0 CARRICKAVOLEY, J. R. Cox, 5 11-8 .... J. Shortt
14 DO BEST CAN VI, M. K. Gray, 5 11-8 .... —
15 HOW'S MAMMY, Miss J. V. Morgan, 5 11-8 ... C. J. Jones (7)
16 HYNES PARK, D. Harvey, 5 11-8 .... L. Wyer (7)
17 0000 LISNACOILLA, P. Henley, 6 11-8 .... N. Henley (7)
18 40000 PAULINE'S COURSE, M. Murray, 5 11-8 .... G. Hoste (7)
19 40 PRIDE'S IMP, R. J. Whitford, 6 11-8 .... R. J. Whitford (7)
20 PRYZED LEGEND, J. S. Bolger, 6 11-8 ..... M. J. Holbrook (7)
21 RED BALL, M. F. Morris, 5 11-8 .... J. Queally
22 0000 ROBIN ALPHA, A. Kennedy, 5 11-8 .... S. Kennedy (7)
23 00 ROSSES SAINT, W. R. Deacon, 6 11-8 .... P. Sinnott (7)
24 00 SHANROD SQUIRE, J. Maxwell, 5 11-8 .... H. Kirk (8)
25 0 TIBRADDEN STAR, W. Durkan, 5 11-8 .... W. P. Mullins
26 00P00 TUGOVA, J. G. Murphy, 5 11-8 .... C. P. Magnier
27 HALF CIRCLE, Miss J. V. Morgan, 5 11-5 .... D. Serghia (7)
28 0 TIARKA, R. T. H. Morrow, 5 11-5 .... D. W. Macauley (5)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Olan Lad, 100-30 Bundle Boy, 5 Deer Crest, 8 Cloney Grange, Pryzed Legend, 12 Red Ball, Ronallon, 14 others.

Last year: Clara Mountain 5 11-13 Mr J. Lombard 7-1 V. Bowens. 30 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Deer Crest beat Oppidan (level) by 3l at Gowran Park (2m 1f) Jan 29 (soft). Olan Lad beat First Noel (rec 3lb) by 5l at Naas (2m) Feb 6 (yielding). Cloney Grange beat Shullavogue (gave 1lb) by 15l at Waterford (2m) Jan 31 (yielding to soft). Belle Seeker was beaten 6l when 4th to Another Sunset (gave 10lb) at Fairyhouse (2m) Jan 28 with Plucky Devil (gave 3lb) a further 11½l 7th and Pauline's Course a further sh hd 8th (soft). Bundle Boy was beaten 28¼l when 5th to Box Cross (rec 3lb) at Clonmel (2½m) Feb 7 with Ronallon (rec 3lb) a further 3l 10th (heavy).

OLAN LAD is preferred to Deer Crest

Point-to-Point

FIXTURE LIST DECIMATED BY WEATHER

By DAVID WELCH

REFLECTING on the way unfavourable weather had hit point-to-pointing in the last two seasons, Mackenzie and Selby expressed the hope in the latest edition of "Point to Pointers and Hunter Chasers" that 1985 would be a "normal year."

Unfortunately, the present cold spell is no more suitable for racing than the heavy rain of 1983 or the drought of last year.

More meetings have been lost in the first three weeks of this season than in the whole of last year.

In 1984 four were cancelled. This season seven have been called off and, although four hunts hope to rearrange fixtures, three are scheduled for Saturday, when hopes of racing cannot be high, and the Lanark and Renfrew will race only in the event of the Berwickshire's being off.

Cambridgeshire Harriers have postponed their fixture at Cottenham until May 22, but even that move is not without its cost.

They were due to stage the first of 20 qualifying races for the Diners Club Men's Open final 11 days ago. Now their meeting will be too late for those placed in the race to be entered for the Chepstow final five days later.

East Anglian horses have been hard hit by the freeze. Two meetings have been lost and both were due to stage Diners Club races. Only one qualifier in the series which has yet to get under-way, remains in their area, at Horseheath on April 13.

Return ruled out

Pre-season favourites for the £6,000 Final included former Josh Gifford-trained Royal Judgement, new to hunter-chasing this year but previously a most accomplished handicapper.

The 12-year-old has won two races at Chepstow but perhaps his most noteworthy moment there was when failing by four lengths to give 12lb to Burrough Hill Lad in the Welsh Grand National 14 months ago.

New handler Jean Campbell was looking forward to a return visit to the course in May but Lady Rootes, the gelding's owner, has ruled that out as "too obviously a case of pot-hunting."

To reach the final Royal Judgement would have had to finish in the first two in a point-to-point qualifier, but Lady Rootes has insisted that Royal Judgement should not run between the flags.

Instead, Royal Judgement, described by Mrs Campbell as "better than ever" after being hunted by her Australian assistant Jan Edwards, will be aimed at hunter-chases at Lingfield Park (Feb. 28), Wincanton (March 7) and Ascot (April 3).

There are three divisions of the Men's Open at both the Army meeting at Tweseldown on Saturday (115 entries) and Cottenham's Cambridge University fixture (82).

Clair Muir's Scottish import Colonel Henry is perhaps the most interesting entry in division one at Tweseldown, where there will be a preliminary inspection of the course this afternoon.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Army, Tweseldown, 3m W. Aldershot. Banwen Miners, Erw Lon, 10m N. Carmarthen. Berwick, Friar's Haugh, 1m W. Kelso. Bolventor, Lemalla, 6m SW Launceston. Cambridge Univ., Cottenham, 4m N. Cambridge. Lanark & Renfrew, Bogside, 1m N. Irvine (prov). Mendip Farmers, Nedge, 6m NE Wells. N. Hereford, Newtown, 8m NE Hereford. Oxford Univ., Kingston Blount, 4m NE Watlington. Sinnington, Duncombe Park, 1m SW Helmsley.

Irish Racing

CARMODY FOR A TREBLE

By Our Irish Correspondent

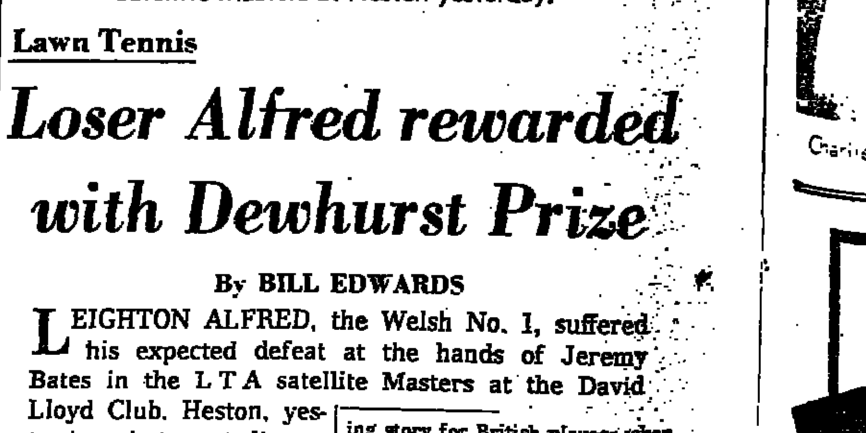
TOMMY CARMODY may be the jockey to follow at Leopardstown today when he has bright prospects of a treble with **Dancing Guy (2.15), Buck House (2.45) and GREASEPAINT (3.45).**

Greasepaint, a leading contender for the Seagram Grand National, was not disgraced, third to Larry's Latest over two and a half miles here last time. He will be better suited by the extra distance of today Harold Clarke Leopardstown 'Chase.

Dancing Guy won with something in hand at Clonmel last time and is fancied to follow up in the Stillorgan Hurdle. The four-year-old took the lead two flights out to win by four lengths, with Carmody easing him on the run-in.

Mouse Morris, who trains Dancing Guy, may complete a double with Buck House in the Wessel Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup 'Chase. Buck House belied his 7-1 starting price with a facile victory over Knockawad here last month and is expected to outstay Boreen Prince.

Carmody, who rides Tondbad, may be foiled of a four-timer by Ararun in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle. Ararun, unbeaten in six races over hurdles, will be at short odds to retain his record.



Leighton Alfred, of Wales, volleys against Jeremy Bates of England in the first round of the LTA Satellite Masters at Heston yesterday.

Lawn Tennis

Loser Alfred rewarded with Dewhurst Prize

By BILL EDWARDS

LEIGHTON ALFRED, the Welsh No. 1, suffered his expected defeat at the hands of Jeremy Bates in the LTA satellite Masters at the David Lloyd Club, Heston, yesterday—but not all was lost.

As he sat in the dressing-room afterwards, covering his head in towel to hide disappointment, John Feaver, the tournament director, gave him the news of a £500 bonus.

This was the special prize awarded by Dewhurst, the butchers, for the young British player showing most progress in results, attitude and sportsmanship on the five weeks' circuit.

Alfred, who lost to the eventual winner, in the first three of of the four tournaments leading up to the Masters, is a popular choice and this award will help him considerably in his drive for more experience.

His determination to do well was most evident against Bates who was kept on court for 95 minutes to win 7-6, 6-2. They had a tremendous tussle in the opening set where in the absence of a service break it was decided on a 10 points tie breaker.

Punch missing

It was all so near but Alfred, despite his fine ground stroke, could not find the winning punch when he had two advantage points to go ahead 4-2. He eventually gained a service break for 2-1 in the second set but that was the end of the road.

Bates suddenly took off with five straight games to win the match. Bates is now left as the only home survivor of the six who began the first round.

He now faces Morten Christensen, the Danish Kings Cup player who did not cause him a lot of problems when they met in the second tournament three weeks ago.

Christensen relies mainly on his big service but he is inclined to be erratic and Bates must be confident of reaching the semi-final.

It was the same old disappointing story for British players when Richard Whichello went down to Bruce Derlin of New Zealand. Derlin, at 129, was the highest-ranked player on the world computer when the circuit started so that Whichello, at 745, need not be too dismayed at the 6-4, 6-3 score.

Making progress

He fought strongly all the way, producing a lot of fine shots but at 17 he is still learning his trade and making fine progress.

He held out until the ninth game before conceding the service that decided the third set while the break came for 5-2 in the second set after Whichello had missed two break points in the previous game.

It did not help that only one game was played in the first hour of the match when play was suspended for mopping up operations to deal with condensation that had left pools on the court.

Stefan Eriksson, of Sweden, was much too strong for the Dutchman John Vekemans at 6-1, 6-2 while Mark Albert, of Holland, beat Lior Rusinek of the US 6-1, 6-4.

FIRST ROUND: M. Albert (Holland) bt L. Rusinek (U.S.) 6-1, 6-4; B. Derlin (NZ) bt R. Whichello 6-4, 6-3; S. Eriksson (Sweden) bt J. Vekemans (Holland) 6-1, 6-2; J. Bates bt L. Alfred 7-6, 6-2.

LA QUINTA £327,000 TOURNAMENT (California). — 1st Rd: J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt P. Doohan (Australia) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; M. Mitchell bt B. Taroczy (Hungary) 6-2, 6-3; B. Lutz bt M. Davis 7-6, 6-3; R. Seguso bt T. Moor 6-4, 7-6.

M. Westphal (W. Germany) bt J. Fitzgerald 6-4, 6-4; R. Simpson (N. Zealand) bt M. Bauer 7-6, 6-2; T. Tulasne (France) bt G. Forget (France) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; L. Pimek (Czech.) bt V. Pecci (Paraguay) 6-4, 6-4; B. Testerman bt T. Wilkison 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; G. Holmes bt D. Visser (S. Africa) 6-3, 6-3.

MOLSON LIGHT MEN'S £175,000 CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT (Toronto). 1st Rd: J. Sadri (US) bt M. Wilander(?) ... (India) bt D. Burke 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; E. Fleming (US) bt L. Shiras (US) 6-3, 7-6; M. Leach (US) bt S. Bonneau 7-6, 7-6.

OAKLAND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (California). — 1st Rd: D. Spence bt D. Phelps 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; K. Shaefer bt A. Henricksson 7-5, 6-4; L. Bonder bt V. Vermaak (S. Africa) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; A. Moulton bt S. Walsh 7-6, 6-2; A. Temesvari (Hungary) bt R. Fairbank (S. Africa) 7-5, 6-2; C. Tanvier (France) bt M. Gurney 6-4, 6-3.

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World Championship Boxing

ODDS AGAINST MAGRI STAYING THE DISTANCE

By KEN MAYS

CHARLIE MAGRI will attempt to become one of the elite among British boxers when he challenges Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, for the world flyweight championship at the Alexandra Park Pavilion, North London, tonight.

Britain have had a sprinkling of world champions, but once they lost their crowns they never got them back. That is what Magri attempts tonight.

The little East Londoner held the title in 1983 but lost it in his first defence against Filipino Frank Cedeno in six rounds.

Charlie Atkinson, the Liverpool trainer who spends a lot of time in Thailand coaching Chitalada, is confident the champion will leave London with his title intact.

"He is far tougher than Cedeno and certainly twice as good as Elencio Mercedes, from whom Magri took the title. I believe he has the strength around the body, has an iron chin and the ideal temperament," stresses Atkinson.

Confident Lawless

But Magri's manager, Terry Lawless, is confident the public will see a new-style Magri who can cause an upset.

"He is a different boxer, not so fast and fiery as he used to be but much smarter. He has matured," said Lawless.

In the past Magri often appeared to run out of steam from the fifth round onwards, as when he was stopped by Juan Diaz and Jose Torres, both in the ninth round.

While Chitalada has been a busy little fighter, Magri has had only one contest since his world title defeat—and that lasted less than three minutes.

But it was a superb victory, for he stopped Franco Cherchi, of Italy, to regain the European title in Sardinia last August.

£40,000 reward

Normally, Magri would have become more involved if a world title had been on the cards, but it was only the persuasive actions of promoter Frank Warren with a £120,000 cheque that got the Thai to come to Britain.

Magri will get around £40,000 for his efforts, but it is the chance he is delighted with. "I did not expect to get back so soon," he said.

"Now I have a chance to make up for the last time because I know that I should not have lost."

But whether Magri can do it is debatable. Even with such large support from almost on his own doorstep, the odds appear to favour the champion—inside the distance.

Promoter Warren has an option on Magri's first defence if he wins the title. Yesterday he cabled Beunos Aires with an offer for Santos Laciar, the World Boxing Association champion, to come to London to fight for the undisputed title.

It would be an ideal fight for Magri, for he outpointed Laciar at the Royal Albert Hall two years ago, before the Argentine went on to win his title.

Rodney out

Mr Warren also suffered a setback last night when Prince Rodney, of Huddersfield, withdrew from his British light-middleweight title chalenge to Jimmy Cable with chickenpox.

It was the third time that Rodney has had to miss a fight with Cable, first as champion in 1983 with a damaged cheekbone and then late last year. Gary Cooper, the Southern area champion, is being considered as a possible replacement.

How they compare

MAGRI		CHITALADA
28	Age	22
8st	Weight	8st
5ft 3½in	Height	5ft 4in
64in	Reach	65in
36in	Chest (normal)	35in
37in	Chest (exp)	36in
12½in	Biceps	12in
11in	Forearm	11in
28in	Waist	29in
26½in	Thigh	19in
13in	Calf	13½in
14½in	Neck	14in
7in	Wrist	7½in
11½in	Fist	11in
10in	Ankle	9in

Charlie Magri . . . 'not so fast and fiery—but much smarter,' says his manager.

Morris, of Royal Free, and Bat, of King's (darker shirt) at full stretch for the ball in yesterday's Hospital's Cup match at Teddington. Weale (No. 1), of King's, jumps in vain.

£500,000 TO 'OPEN DOORS'

By PAT BESFORD

THE Sports Council has been given a special grant of £500,000 from Government this year and will recieve similar amounts in the future to encourage dual pupil and public use of sporting facilities in educational establishments.

Neil MacFarlane, the Minister for Sport, launching a joint initiative under the title "Open Doors," said: "Every facility source needs to be tapped for the benefit of the wider community.

"Many areas, through strong local commitment, have already recognised such dual use can be managed profitably. I have now written to the leader of every local authority and am hoping that head teachers, caretakers and so on will help to open more doors."

Dual use of often exceptional facilities, all to often closed in the evenings, at weekends and during holidays, is not a new idea.

However, this new funding will help to meet the initial expenses of setting up further schemes, in co-operation with clubs or other voluntary bodies, until they become self-supporting.

The most effective way for the Minister to unlock the doors would be for him to persuade his colleagues especially at the Department of Education and Science, to ensure the public has a statutory right of access to what are "closed" areas. This would need legislation.

Hospitals Cup Rugby

Royal Free battle home under siege

By RUPERT CHERRY

King's College ... 3 pts, Royal Free ... 23

THIS scoreline totally belies the Royal Free's share of the game in their second round Hospitals Cup match at Teddington yesterday.

They were under almost constant siege, yet scored practically every time they broke away, winning by a goal, two penalty goals, a dropped goal and two tries against a penalty goal.

King's have never got beyond the second round since their only appearance in the final exactly 50 years ago.

They are always a hard side to beat, though, and many of their conquerors have succeeded only after their second or third attempt after drawn matches.

Mobile pack

Here they not only had a strong mobile pack—especially their leader Edmondson, an extremely swift prop—who won a great deal of the ball, but back who constantly tried to attack by running and bringing in their wings.

However, they had not quite sufficient guile or confidence in their handling to outwit the experience of Dave Walsh (London Irish), Tony Watkinson (Oxford Blue) and David Hughes in the Royal Free midfield.

Walsh's kicking did most to keep the enemy at bay, and after he had dropped a goal and scored a penalty goal he converted a magnificent try by David Holdsworth, a new wing from Wakefield.

Watkinson and John Hare, the captain, added tries and Walsh kicked another penalty goal in the second half. All King's could muster from about 70 minutes' intense pressure was a penalty goal by Fletcher.

The Royal Free, last season's losing finalists, will meet Charing Cross-Westminster in a semi-final tomorrow week at Richmond Athletic Ground. The other semi-final between St Mary's and Guys will be played at Teddington today.

King's College.—C. Sproat; J. Price, D. Holmes, R. Belai, S. O'Shea, M. Fletcher, J. Williams, S. Weale, P. Briggs, B. Edmondson, R. Davies, T. Glynn, F. Campbell, M. Jones, F. Bat.

Royal Free.—J. Jackson; D. Holdsworth, A. Watkinson, D. Hughes, J. Hare, D. Walsh, C. James; G. Steinberg, T. Wistow, A. Macdonald, D. Stock, H. Samson, A. Mankielow, C. Searle, J. Morris.

Referee: D. Warren.

Ocean Racing

RORC's rule forces name changes

By TONY FAIRCHILD

THE British team for the Admiral's Cup this summer and the squad to challenge for the Southern Cross trophy in Australian waters at the end of the year are to be sponsored by Racal Vodophone.

The news came yesterday at the naming ceremony at Lymington of Martin Gibson's new, Edward Dubois-designed Admiral's Cup contender—originally to be named Racal Vodophone.

But following a recent announcement that a ban is to remain on advertising of individual off-shore yachts this season Mr Gibson's loss £50,000 turns out to be the Royal Ocean Racing Club's gain.

Mr Gibson, a London property developer, reverted to an earlier choice of name—Pocket Battleship—and the naming ceremony of the £250,0000 boat built by Neville Hutton was carried out by the owner's mother.

Mr Gibson said of his change of fortune: "There was never, at any time, a chance that we should do anything but abide by the RORC rules and we shall get on now with the task of earning selection for the Admiral's Cup team."

His decision to seek sponsorships for his yacht followed the relaxation in November by the International Yacht Racing Union of regulations controlling advertising.

Protests warning

When the RORC, who also run the Admiral's Cup competition, announced that the advertising ban was to stay for this season at least — except for entries for the club's Caribbean race — Mr Gibson handed back the Racal money and chose a non-controversial name.

The RORC, whose team for the Southern Cross will face a total bill of around £100,000 — the extent of the Racal support has not been disclosed — warned of the dangers of protests over yachts with commercially related names. Some other owners could now follow Mr Gibson's example.

The RORC, who already have a 10-year contract with Champagne Mumm for sponsrship of the Admiral's Cup, have now agreed to give Vodophone "first refusal" on further sponsorship of their team after this season's "test run."

TWO RECORDS RATIFIED

By DAVID PELLY

Two world sailing speed records were formally ratified by the World Sailing Speed Record Committee in London yesterday.

Jenna de Rosnay, the American-born widow of Baron Arnaud de Rosnay, was confirmed as holder of the women's world record of 27·09 knots, achieved at Portland Harbour, Dorset, last October.

A month later, her husband disappeared while attempting to windsurf from Taiwan to mainland China.

Speed trials held near Perth, Australia, during December, resulted in a record for "A" class 10 square metres to 13·94 metres sail area of 27·09 knots by Fred Haywood, of the United States. Haywood already held the record for the smaller ten square metres class.

RUGBY FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION.—Club: Glamorgan Wdrs v Sch Wales Police (7.15); Plymouth Albion v Exeter Univ. (7.15); Pontypridd v Penarth (7); Weston-s-Mare v Exeter (7). Hospitals Cup, Semi-final: St Marys v Guys (Teddington, 2.30).

Representative: R. Navy v Civil Service (2.30); United Banks v Kent Clubs (Lloyds Ground, 5.30). W B S Floodlight Rose Bowl, Semi-final: Winchester v Wimborne (Salisbury, 7.30).

RUGBY LGE.—Sth Cut Cup, 1st Rd: Bramley v Blackpool; Rochdale v York (7.45); Salford v Swinton; St Helens v Hull K R.

Rugby Commentary by JOHN MASON

Cup game not that special—Mantell

NOTTINGHAM, who last winter set a club record for points in a season, are in a quandary. How do they play down something they know to be important — the John Player Special Cup match with London Welsh on Saturday?

As club rugby in Britain attempts to resume a semblance of normality in this winter of chilly discontent, Nottingham are mindful that the essential sequels to progress are consistency and consolidation.

For nine years Nottingham made little impression in the Cup, five times falling in the first round. But in the last four seasons the club, befitting a well-planned advance on all fronts, have done considerably better than that.

A sympathetic committee, a first-class coach and comfortable well-equipped facilities have ensured that Nottingham's players can concentrate on the business they know best — the playing of an all-round game which can be expanded, or shut down, as circumstances require.

Not a mountain

Neil Mantell, Nottingham's captain and a hugely welcome recruit from Rosslyn Park after a new job had taken him to Alfreton, Derbyshire, would agree with the playing assessment. But he, above all, insists that the next match must never be thought as a mountain to climb.

"Our approach must be orderly and sensible", said Mantell yesterday. "But ideally the next match, whoever against and in whatever context, should be regarded as just another fixture in a season of important games. Sometimes we freeze—and not because of the weather.

"This is a capable side, make no mistake about that. The difference in recent seasons, I think, is that Nottingham have acquired a reasonable strength in depth, a cover for injuries and the like, which previously was probably a bit thin—the odd good result but not consistency.

"The Cup record, for example, in recent seasons has been much much better and we got to the semi-finals last year having started in the qualifying rounds. That meant five Cup matches in a season which I think was a record of some sort.

"The club also scored more than 800 points in the season overall which was another record, so they tell me. I think perhaps that players bother less about that sort of thing than some followers off the field. Did I tell you about the journalist who came to see us at the start of the season. . . ."

"I reckon a playing style is much more important than records. Anyway, the records probably come in the wake of other things if you've got your game right in the first place. And piling up points migh be enjoyable but winning is more important still.

"I don't mean winning to the exclusion of those asects, which are part of rugby. But don't be fooled: winning is important.

"Just at the moment, too, the players want to know what the prospects of playing are. This on-off business is most unsettling, far more disturbing than people realise."

As an indication of Mantell's philosophy, which also includes a fair measure of off-duty relaxation spiced by a droll sense of humour, Nottingham trained indoors at the Trent Sports Hall last Saturday and on Monday evening. The Cambridge contingent attended both sessions.

Rob Andrew, England's outside-half, who will have Richard Moon, his University colleague, as his half-back partner, has so far trained longer with Nottingham than he has played—one appearance of about an hour against Rosslyn Park on Jan. 19.

Unique Welsh

The Welsh, surprisingly, do not have an outstanding record in the Cup, an observation, I suppose, which some, including Clive Rees, the captain, might find irritating. But I intend it as a compliment, because London Welsh make a unique contribution to the game in England.

The analysis of results between Welsh and English clubs over the past 10 years, which were expertly set out by Michael Austin in the DAILY TELEGRAPH last week, indicate an English debt to the Welsh which would be idiotic not to acknowledge.

It would be tempting to cite the example of Bath as the English club, above all others in recent years, to have benefited most from the Welsh connection. In view of the Brixham result last Saturday, it would be more kind to stick with Nottingham, who topped Austin's list.

Brixham's defeat of Bath, the holders of the John Player Special Cup, was a splendid performance, one of the largest dollops of egg-on-face since Llanelli went to Beeston at the back-end of last season and crept off home thrashed 45-3 by Nottingham. Take heed London Welsh!

Neil Mantell . . . 'just another fixture in a season of important games.'

MOSELEY PLAN TRIP TO DEVON

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

MOSELEY and Nottingham, fearing possible postponement of their home John Player Cup fourth round games on Saturday, have already made contingency plans for match practice in Devon on Sunday.

If necessary, Moseley will play Torquay and Nottingham will visit Brixham, another hospitable club, who last weekend became the first English side to beat a genuine Bath first team for 14 months.

Moseley are scheduled to play Coventry at The Readings and Nottingham should meet London Welsh for the first time, but a combination of snow and insistent hard frosts make the south-west seem almost tropical.

Rob Andrew, England's outside-half, will play for Nottingham on Saturday or Sunday at Beeston or Brixham while Nigel Melville, his possible half-back partner, is among seven Wasps' internationals playing at Waterloo.

Melville's recovery from knee trouble was fully apparent to those of us at Torquay, myself included, and his swift and unwavering service helped to launch Wasps to a 32-12 victory. Melville also partners Mark Ella, the Australian for the Anti-Assassins against Cambridge a week today.

Richard Cardus, a centre by strong inclination, will play on Wasp's right-wing, a choice doubtless inspired through his own versatility and his club's quest for experience in their seventh away tie in the past eight.

NEW AVERY IS AT BRIGHTON

By DAVID GREEN

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mike Avery, former Cross Keys, Swansea and Aberavon full-back, has been solved now that the former Wales youth cap's father, Boyd Avery, has contacted interested parties.

Mike, 25, out of work in Wales, moved down to Brighton where prospects are apparently rosier and where his brother, Robert, lives. Robert, captain of Brighton, must view Mike's arrival with mixed feelings.

Robert, himself a fullback, has been forced by Mike's presence to move to centre. Mike has scored 58 points in four games and has interested the Sussex selectors who are keen to try him out against a London Old Boys side.

Steve Boyle . . . "Moseley have given me back my self-respect."

Forgotten man Boyle re-emerging

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

STEVE BOYLE, a youthful 31, still believes in sporting fairy tales after being twice whisked away from obscurity to prominence during a career now being reshaped at Moseley.

Boyle, a Gloucester lock for 12 seasons, suddenly rose from England B status to become a British Lion in 1983, then almost retired through self-doubt last autumn, but changed clubs, and is now a force behind Moseley's revival.

Within three months of leaving Gloucester, Boyle, as deputy captain, led Moseley to victory over his old club and scored both his side's tries in a 10-10 draw with Bristol, his dreaded rivals as an adopted West Countryman.

Boyle, born in Warrington, prefers to dwell on the next challenge, rather than the last, which for Moseley is Saturday's John Player fourth round tie at the Reddings against Coventry, who beat them in both previous Cup meetings.

"That must be the hardest game of the round," Boyle asserted. "Forward commitment and goal-kicking should settle it," he said, with multiple memories of similar matches for Gloucester.

Boyle reflected on his Kingsholm days with affection, but said: "The start of this season was something I wanted to forget. With John Orwin, another front jumper, as new captain, we were swapping around, and I'm not a middle jumper of high class.

"It was not Gloucester's fault. I was playing badly and started not even to worry about it. In the end, I was scarcely justifying a place in the second team, and decided to retire."

But a telephone call from David Protherough, Moseley's coach, launched Boyle on the twice-weekly, 110-mile round trip from Chelenham, and thrice-weekly training runs with his brother Paul, Cheltenham's full back.

'Self-respect"

"I owe a lot to Moseley", continued Boyle. "They have given me back my self-respect, and I hope that I can put in at least a couple more seasons in return. Moseley's young side are making progress".

Boyle, a senior representative with Lloyds Bowmaker Finance Group, based in Gloucester, looks back to 1983 with a mixture of relish and regret. He won all his three England caps, and toured New Zealand with the Lions.

"I had a terrific time, but played so many matches in the year that I lost my edge for a while after that, even stopped getting the flutters before matches, and for me, that's a bad thing".

Now the flutters have returned and so has the form of Steve Boyle, who at 6ft 4in, and 17 stones has both the moustache and the joviality of the archelypal Edwardian village policeman.

Fitness surge

Boyle plans "to look up the ladder a bit" with his fitness surging back. "If England happened to need me at any time, they know where I am," added Boyle.

Ken Birrell, Moseley's match secrtary, and Gary Cox, the captain an dhooker, have enjoyed Boyle's presence on and off the field this season. Birrell said: "Steve is a tremendous personality and keeps everyone amused, even on the longest coach journey."

Cox added: "We have so few old heads in our team that Steve is especially appreciated. He is a real character, and seems to have modelled his lifestyle on another Gloucester and England man, Mike Burton."

Schools Rugby Review

Southern triallists will try again

By Our Schools Rugby Correspondent

IT never seemed likely that the postponed Southern Regional Trial of England's 18 Group could be held, as arranged, last Sunday and a second postponement was necessary.

The present arrangements are that the Northern Regional Trial, North v Midlands, will be held on Saturday at Loughborough G.S. (kick-off 2), and the Southern Regional Trial, South East v South & South-West, on Sunday on the National Westminster Bank ground at Beckenham, Kent (kick-off 2).

Hiscoke and Hunt of the Midlands team and four of the North, Hackney, Shearman, Mallalieu and Munro, represented England against New Zealand at Twickenham on Jan. 25 and must be in line for further consideration.

Hamer, who was ruled out by injury on that occasion, shares with Hunt the distinction of being the only players still available from last season's England 18 Group XV.

The squads for the Southern Regional Trial, already announced, include nine boys who were capped against New Zealand, but very few can be confident of retaining their places for the internationals in April.

Impressive record

Many schools have now finished their seasons, apart from Sevens and 15-a-Side festivals. Among them are Nottingham H S whose record over the last two seasons is particularly notable.

In that period they have won 31 games and lost only four. The four defeats were all by narrow margins, four points or less. The successes were in a very real sense due to a team effort, with 13 boys having represented Nottinghamshire either at 16 group or 18 group or both.

The current XV scored 564 points, the second highest total recorded at the school, and fine open rugby produced 103 tries in 17 matches, of which 15 were won.

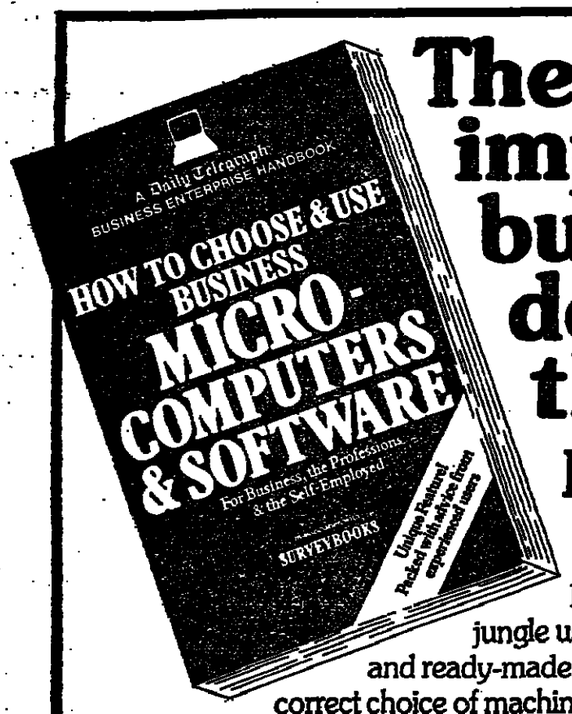
TRIALS TEAMS

MIDLANDS. — C. Sibley (Kenilworth); D. Kennell (Kenilworth), C. Hiscoke (Hereford Cath.), J. Minshull (Woodlands, Coventry), F. Tranner (K. E., Five Ways); J. Vaughan (Belmont Abbey), C. Wheeler (Belmont Abbey); A. Roda (Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby), G. Collins (Nottingham H.S.), R. Hunt (Trent), M. Bayfield (Bedford), J. Hyde (Woodlands, Coventry), R. Thomas (Queen Mary's G.S., Walsall), A. Smith (Trent), T. Witherows (Guild-G.S.).

Replacements.—A. Gissing (Lincoln Tech.), M. Calvarley (Warwick), C. Atkins (K.E. VI, Stafford), P. Barrows (John Mansfield, Ledbury), C. Colbourne (High Arcal, Sedgley).

NORTH. — P. Hamer (Lancaster R.G.S.); S. Hackney (Stockton VI Form), D. Elliott (Birkenhead), G. Atkinson (Cockermouth), P. Shearman (John Smeaton, Leeds); M. Mallalieu (Sale G.S.), A. Turton (Normanton Freeston H.S.); J. Wells (Pocklington), A. Munro (Bradford G.S.), P. Thompson (Ampleforth), J. Lee (Q.E.G.S., Penrith), J. Moore (Bradford G.S.), J. Birkbeck (Normanton Freeston H.S.), S. Holmes (Cockermouth), A. Taylor (Merchant Taylors', Crosby).)

Also to attend.— S. Hurley (Winstanley, Orrell), S. Miller (Ilkley G.S.), J. Knye (Ellesmere), D. Powell (Bolton), K. Broadhent (Birkenhead), A. Durkin (King's, Tynemouth).



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F.A. Cup—Fifth Round

FASHANU AND McLEARY PUT LEICESTER OUT

By MICHAEL CALVIN

Millwall ... 2, Leicester ... 0

MILLWALL survived long periods of pressure at The Den last night, when they clinched an F A Cup quarter-final place at Luton or Watford with goals from John Fashanu and Alan McLeary.

Leicester, obliged to face urgent, uncomplicated opponents on a hard, slippery surface, needed to show the right attitude.

The positive approach demanded by Gordon Milne, their manager, almost led to their taking the lead straight from the kick-off when Banks, put clear by Alan Smith, was thwarted by Sansome's smothering save.

Leicester's attack promised much and Lineker, watched by Howard Kendall, Everton's manager, was the most consistent threat.

However, their best chance in the first half fell to Lynex, who was left unmarked when Lindsay Smith slipped but drove a powerful angled shot across the face of the goal.

That escape—and the Third Division side's resilience —

Steve Lovell

enabled Millwall to take the lead on the stroke of half-time, when some supporters were still queueing to get into the ground.

The goal was a product of the strength and speed of Fashanu, who collected a clearance by Stevens, brushed aside two defenders, and scored with a fierce low shot from an acute angle.

To their credit, Leicester, only survivors from the Midlands, failed to allow that setback to unnerve them.

They adhered to the established pattern of playing direct, intelligent football and dominated for long periods of the second half.

Alert Lineker

Lineker, ever alert, twice went close and Sansome, in impressive form, produced a marvellous save to deny O'Neill's header from a Banks free kick.

The pressure was constant yet, in the 65th minute, Steve Lovell, Millwall's leading scorer, emphasised the potential of breakaway attacks by heading Hinshellwood's cross narrowly over the bar.

Leicester's somewhat undeserved fate was sealed 10 minutes from time, seconds after O'Neill had headed a Banks cross against the crossbar.

Millwall counter-attacked immediately and, when Fashanu headed into space McLeary swept a low drive past Andrews.

All that was left was a pitch invasion to mark Millwall's presence in the last eight for the first time in seven years.

Millwall.—Sansome; Stevens, Hinshelwood, McLeary, L. Smith, Cusack, Lowndes, Fashanu, Chatterton, Lovell, Otulakowski.

Leicester.—Andrews; Feeley, Wilson, B. Smith, Williams, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, A. Smith, Ramsey, Banks.

STAINROD JOINS WEDNESDAY

By DONALD SAUNDERS

SIMON STAINROD, Queens Park Rangers' controversial striker, has returned to his native Sheffield to join Wednesday for £250,000.

Stainrod, 26, whose career began with Sheffield's other League club, United, has been unsettled at Loftus Road since a November dispute with Alan Mullery, who was then Rangers' manager.

Though Mr Mullery has since left, Rangers indicated their willingness to release Stainrod by signing John Byrne, from York, and Michael Robinson from Liverpool.

So Wednesday originally sought Stainrod's signature last month and renewed their quest after Rangers had been knocked out of the Milk Cup.

The move provides Stainrod with the opportunity to rebuild his career, which seemed to be going so well when he was included in the England squad for last summer's tour of South America.

Re-arranged

He must wait for Wednesday to play two games before lending his scoring power to their Championship challenge since he has still to serve a suspension for being sent off in a Milk Cup quarter-final replay against Ipswich.

The first of these matches has now been re-arranged for Hillsborough next Sunday, when Wednesday bring forward their April 20 fixture with Watford.

Both clubs are without a game next weekend when the League ordered Ipswich and Norwich to play the much-delayed first leg of their Milk Cup semi-final at Portman Road on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Ipswich hope to settle their postponed F.A. Cup-tie with Wednesday tonight, though all depends on a pitch inspection this morning.

If the game goes ahead, Eric Gates will return for his first appearance for Ipswich since injuring a calf against Rangers in the Milk Cup a month ago.

An afternoon inspection will be made at Plough Lane, to determine whether the pitch is fit for Wimbledon's F A Cup-tie with West Ham.

With Alan Cork, their leading scorer, recovered from influenza, Wimbledon plan to field the side who knocked out Nottingham Forest in the Previous round. West Ham also are unchanged.

About 8,000 York supporters are expected to make the journey to Anfield, where Liverpool are confident of staging their replay against the Third Division club.

CHELSEA OFF

After a referee's inspection last night, tonight's second leg of the Milk Cup semi-final between Chelsea and Sunderland was postponed. The new date is expected to be March 4.

Steve Lynex, who missed a good first-half chance for Leicester and (right) Gary Lineker, who was a constant threat to Millwall.

ENDERSBY ERROR IS COSTLY

Blackpool ... 1, Swindon ... 0

SWINDON failed to crack Blackpool's unbeaten home record last night and the Lancastrians moved into second place in the Fourth Division with a late winning goal by Stewart.

Something resembling a thaw set in for the first game for more than six weeks at Bloomfield Road but at least Swindon found no snow at the resort in contrast to their own town.

Blackpool striker Stewart got his first shot four minutes into the second half but was narrowly wide from ten yards with an opportunity intelligently provided by John Deary.

For a spell the action petered out and incidents were few but in the 57th minute the seasiders failed to take a good chance. Dyer seized on a back pass but hesitated. The ball was taken from his feet and put over the line for a corner.

Scott Endersby made his only mistake of the game seven minutes from time when he failed to cut out a Stonehouse corner kick. Deary's shot was blocked but Stewart forced the ball through a ruck of players.

Blackpool.—O'Rourke; Moore, Ferns, Deary, Walsh; Greenall, Britton, Windridge, Stewart, Stonehouse, Dyer.

Swindon: Endersby; Gray, Baillie, Macari, Rowland, Cole, Henry, Coyne, Gordon, Dempsey, Nelson.

REES NETS HAT-TRICK

Walsall ...... 5, Derby 3
(Walsall 5-4 on agg.)

In an exhilarating Freight Rover Trophy match Mark Rees marked his return to Walsall's side after an absence of 10 weeks with two first-half goals to inspire the Saddlers and generally torment Derby.

It only took Walsall 17 mins to cancel out the single goal deficit from the first leg. Following sustained Derby pressure Walsall broke away down the left and Rees collected Elliott's cross to score the first.

Derby, parading their new £125,000 buy, Trevor Christie, retaliated in the 25th minute when Hart and Brazier, failed to clear their line. Christie, coolly glided his shot past Cherry.

Elliott's first

From the restart Walsall stunned Derby with a second goal from Rees who outpaced the Derby defenders and scored with a shot under Steele's body.

In the 35th minute Walsall went ahead on aggregate when Elliott collected a return pass from Handysides to score his first goal in 10 games since his move from Luton.

Elliott celebrated his first goal for Walsall with a second three minutes into the second half.

Derby put themselves back into contention three minutes later with a neatly headed goal by Taylor from Robertson's left-wing cross.

The 7th goal of the match came in the 66th minute when Ablett hit the post and from the rebound Davison scored Derby's third.

Any hopes of Derby earning extra time were demolished when Rees popped up to notch his hat-trick nine minutes from time.

WEBB MAKES SAD RETURN

By A Special Correspondent

Bournemouth 2, Torquay 1

Dave Webb's return to the club that sacked him two years ago was not a happy one. And the Torquay manager had the added discomfort of his side going two down after just 22 minutes.

John Beck, back after breaking a collar bone, got both goals. His first of the season came after nine minutes with Bournemouth's well used strategy of despatching big defender, Roger Brown, into the goalmouth action, reaping its reward. Brown flicked on Paul Morrell's long throw and Beck hammered the ball in from about 10 yards.

Russell had the ball in the Torquay net again after 17 minutes, but unfairly said referee Alan Robinson.

In the 22nd minute Howlett, Graham and Morrell featured in a clever move which left Beck with the formality of scoring his second from close range.

Bournemouth missed their chances in the last 20 minutes and were nearly caught out at the death.

With just five minutes to go Paul Dougherty, the smallest player in the League, pulled one back with a left foot volley from the edge of the area. It was a first League goal for Dougherty who is on loan from Wolves.

BOURNEMOUTH. — Smoulders; Nightingale, Savage, Beck, Brown, Howlett, O'Driscoll, Russell, Graham, Thompson, Morrell.

TORQUAY. — Allen; Dawkins, Compton, Kelly, Fowler, Pugh, Dougherty, Walsh, Sims, Loram, Hall. Subs: Jarvis, Best.

Achampong nets winner on debut

By ROGER MALONE

Fulham ... 1, Oxford United ... 0

FULHAM'S burning determination in freezing conditions — spiced by a 62nd minute goal from Kenny Achampong, an exciting debutant — thwarted Oxford's attempt to regain the Second Division lead.

The pitch was cleared of snow, but the bone-hard surface meant a high bounce, with players often slipping and sliding out of control.

In such conditions—bar world class exponents—players need an extra split-second to master the ball. But time is not a luxury which Second Division sides allow each other.

Thus a scrambling, lunging contest saw the ball seldom under control for more than a couple of passes at a time. Clearly any goals were likely to be the result of a defensive mistake—or a flash of attacking inspiration.

Long range

Neither of these circumstances illuminated the first half. Early on, Langan's experience prompted Oxford crosses into the home box, but Hopkins and Lock cleared effectively, if awkwardly.

Then Fulham settled to periods of hard-running pressure, spiced with some nice touches from Achampong, 18, enjoying his League debut. But Oxford closed ranks and allowed Fulham only long range shooting opportunities.

The second half opened with Jeremy Charles, making his Oxford debut after a £100,000 transfer from Queens Park Rangers, missing out by shooting against a defender after good work from Brock, the England Under 21 midfielder.

Fulham's determination to catch Oxford unawares on a difficult night, with Ray Houghton busy as ever, brought them the lead after 62 minutes. Rosenior, who a minute earlier had seen McDonald clear his effort off the line, gained possession on the left of the box when Hardwick's attempted punched-clearance was impeded by his defence.

Rosenior played the ball back across the goalmouth and Achampong collected a bravely taken goal. The tall English-born lad of African parents, hurled himself in amongst some flying Oxford boots to force the ball home.

Achampong continued, with adroit touches and fluid movements, to catch the eye. Oxford brought on Rhoades-Brown for McDonald for the last 12 minutes, but could not prevent Fulham from moving into the pack chasing the leading group.

Fulham. — Peyton; Parker, Carr, Elkins, Hopkins, Lock, Achampong, Wilson, Rosenior, Houghton, Lewington.

Oxford. — Hardwick; Langan, McDonald, Trewick, Briggs, Shotton, McDermott, Aldridge, Charles, Hebberd, Brock.

Bowls

England women lose golden chance

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Melbourne

ENGLAND squandered their chance for gold when they lost two important matches on the sixth day of the women's world bowls championships at Melbourne yesterday.

The triples team, Brenda Atherton, Betty Stubbing and Mavis Steele, lost a thriller in round 14 when beaten 17-16 by Hongkong after appearing to have the match won.

England led 14-7 after 12 ends but wilted in the 26C heat as Hongkong added 10-2 over the next six ends. Scores were tied 16-16 with one end to play with England holding three shots, and the jack four inches from the ditch.

Lost lead

Helen Wong, the Hongkong skipper, still had a bowl in her hand. Displaying cool nerves she drew between jack and bowl for game and a share of the triples lead with Australia. England lost their earlier game 22-11 to Scotland.

Norma Shaw and Jean Valls, the England pair, were also beaten 22-17 by Hongkong's Joan Humphries and Lona Sadick. The England pair faded again after leading 13-10 at the 12th and allowed Hongkong to take a winning break 12-4 over the next nine ends.

The only ray of light for England came in the next round when they won both the pairs and triples from Argentina.

Disappointing

Eileen Bell and Nan Allely of Ireland, defending pairs champions, also had a lean day. They lost their 13th round match 13-24 to Fiji's Maraia Lum On and Willow Fong, and never recovered from being down 1-15 at the 10th to Botswana in the next before losing 16-22.

The Ireland triples team lost their first match 11-24 to Fiji and then beat Botswana 16-13 and West Samoa 26-13.

The results

PAIRS, Rd 13. Hongkong 20, Israel 13; USA 21, Botswana 20; Papua New Guinea 26, Wales (Julie Davies, Betty Morgan) 10; Australia 24, Kenya 9; Jersey 21, New Zealand 18; Argentina 22, Western Samoa 20; Fiji 24, Ireland (Eileen Bell, Nan Allely) 13; Scotland (Elizabeth Christie, Sanga McCrone) 16, England (Norma Shaw, Jean Valls) 16; Swaziland 16, Zimbabwe 16.

PAIRS, Rd 14: Kenya 27, Jersey 20; New Zealand 27, Fiji 15; Hongkong 22, England 17; Papua New Guinea 30, Argentina 10; Australia 33, Canada 15; Israel 25, Scotland 17; Wales 35, Western Samoa 20; Botswana 22, Ireland 16; Zimbabwe 35, USA 18.

PAIRS, Rd 15: Botswana 29, Hongkong 13; England 28, Argentina 12; Zimbabwe 30, Kenya 11; Ireland 26, Western Samoa 13; USA 25, Jersey 19; Fiji 37, Swaziland 11; Scotland 21, Australia 19; Canada 26, Papua New Guinea 13; Israel 22, Wales 15.

TRIPLES, Rd 13: Fiji 24, Ireland (Myra Wilson, Marie Barber, Margaret Johnston) 11; Western Samoa 19, Argentina 7; New Zealand 18, Jersey 13; Wales (Rita Jones, Mair Jones, Linda Parker) 27, Papua New Guinea 14; Australia 20, Kenya 6; Zimbabwe 18, Swaziland 12; Scotland (Sarah Gourlay, Annette Evans, Frances Whyte) 22, England (Brenda Atherton, Betty Stubbing, Mavis Steele) 11; Hongkong 18, Israel 12; USA 22, Botswana 7.

TRIPLES, Rd 14: USA 17, Zimbabwe 16; Ireland 16, Botswana 13; New Zealand 27, Fiji 9; Papua New Guinea 27, Argentina 3; Australia 20, Canada 10; Kenya 24, Jersey 16; Wales 24, Western Samoa 10; Scotland 23, Israel 12; Hongkong 17, England 16.

TRIPLES, Rd 15: Swaziland 22, Fiji 15; Ireland 25, Western Samoa 12; England 30, Argentina 9; Zimbabwe 26, Kenya 9; Wales 19, Israel 13; Botswana 22, Hongkong 13; Papua New Guinea 18, Canada 16; Australia 18, Scotland 13; Jersey 16, USA 15.

POINTS STANDING

Pairs.—Australia 26; Canada, England, Fiji, New Zealand 20; Ireland, Zimbabwe 19; Scotland, Israel 18; 16; USA, Kenya 14; Botswana, Jersey, Wales, Papua New Guinea, Hongkong 12; Swaziland 10; West Samoa 8; Argentina 4.

Triples.—Australia 28, Hongkong 26; Wales 23; New Zealand 22; England, Botswana 18; USA, Ireland, Canada, Scotland 20; Zimbabwe, Fiji 19; Botswana 13, U.S., Ireland, Canada 16; Swaziland, Israel 11; Kenya, Papua New Guinea 10; Jersey 9; Western Samoa 4; Argentina 2.

PRUDENTIAL NAT'L PAIRS.—6th rd: K. Batchelor & M. Brick (Dartford) 20, E. Doherty & D. Moffatt (Greenwich) 18—J. Gale & B. May (Temple) 10, S. Smith & A. Fiele (Lewisham) 26—J. Pocock & J. Brady (Croydon) 22, B. Tucker & G. Williams (Croydon) 12—G. Smith & D. Crocker (Cyphers) 14, F. Webb & R. Swannie (Croydon) 22—J. Stevens & J. Evans (Torbay) 30, G. Clark & A. Martin (Dawlish) 15—R. Till & A. Hockney (Exmouth) 13, C. Astbury & R. Dowse (Torbay) 14.

GATEWAYS SUSSEX FOURS.—3rd rd: T. Campbell (Falaise) 19, H. Brand (Gullivers) 16, C. Stock (Gullivers) 16, S. Aris (Eastbourne) 19—M. Phelps (Egerton Park) 33, K. Collins (Eastbourne) 17—S. Walters (Falaise) 25, D. Wells (Eastbourne) 11—J. Hinitt (Eastbourne) 29, F. White (Egerton Park) 9—D. Foster (Falaise) 32, J. White (Gullivers) 15—W. Hayward (Preston) 35, A. Scammell (Grattons) 13—D. Herbert (Arun) 21, G. Bridger (Worthing) 18—J. Barford (Worthing) 24, E. French (Worthing) 17—K. Carrass (Pavilion) 21, D. Nye (King Alfred) 11—R. Fryer (Worthing) 19, J. Cripps (Arun) 20.

SOMERDALE E W I B A NATIONAL FOURS.—Zone finals: E. Logan (Mansfield) bt B. Maisey (Barking) 19-18; J. Fowler (Hatfield) bt I. Page (Stevenage) 23-8; P. Allison (Cherwell) bt F. Snell (Avon Valley) 28-13; P. Sealeby (Croydon) bt I. Oliver (Lewisham) 20-17; M. Jamieson (Sutton) bt E. Edwards (King George Field) 26-10; J. Mitchell (Elmbridge) bt M. Price (Desborough) 20-19.

ANGEL INDOOR OPEN FOURS (Tonbridge).—2nd Rnd: D. J. Bowyer (Deanquote) 16; D. Yeomanson (Angel) 20; R. Day (Angel) 14; G. Stevenson (Angel) 32; E. Bathurst (Angel) 19; J. Martin (Lewisham) 24; F. Fawcett (Angel) 22, R. Woodward (Angel) 14.

WEY VALLEY OPEN TRIPLES. — Final: D. Hopwood, T. Bennett, A. Windsor 20, M. Thornton, A. Mayor, A. Crisp 10.

FAVOURITES KEPT APART

The Yetton Trophy, the women's inter-club national bowls championship, reaches the decisive quarter-final stage tomorrow.

Tees-side, Folkestone, Falcon and Chelmsford, the strongest survivors, have avoided immediate clashes. Falcon, the 1971 winners, scraped home against the strong Norfolk and Norwich team and now meet Harpenden, who have yet to reach the final.

Twice winners

Tees-side, the 1980 champions, are without Norma Shaw, who is in Melbourne. But with Rayna Campbell, the current national singles champion, Phoebe Spence and Betty Johnson available, they should overcome Peterborough.

Folkestone, twice winners and twice runners-up in the past 12 years, look too strong for Nailsea, one of the west's smaller clubs. Stoke Mandeville clash with Croydon in the other quarter-final.

Teesside 98, Scunthorpe 66—Peterborough 85, Kettering 71—Falcon 69, Norfolk & Norwich 66—Harpenden 86, Barking 53—Stoke Mandeville 78, Wey Valley 70—Croydon 68, Cambridge Park 61—Folkestone 114, Isle of Wight 57—Nailsea 89, W. Cornwall 59.

Schools Soccer

London date is pointer to England strength

By OUR SCHOOLS SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

THE English Schools Football Association starts its international programme on Friday evening when England Under-15 play Northern Ireland at the Orient's ground, at Brisbane Road, Leyton (7.30).

The first match is always a pointer to the team's strength in a particular year.

This season followers of schoolboy football will be interested to see how boys from the Football Association G M National School, who make up six of the team, tackle their responsibilities.

The England team is:

A. Elliott (Solihull), P. Kelly (North Kent), L. Decker (Medway), S. Todd (York), P. Atkin (South Notts), J. Ebbrell (Wirral), R. Thomas (Barrow), S. Murray (Newcastle-upon-Tyne), J. Beckford (Manchester), D. Esquant (Sirgston & Camden), S. Ward (Wokingham). Subs: B. Wright (Waltham Forest), S. Hutchinson (Sheffield), C. Starkey (Middlesbrough), A. Miller (Barton).

Full programme

The schools international programme is full and varied. Last season England won all their matches except the two away games against West Germany, losing 4-1 in Berlin and 2-0 in Saarbrucken.

This year following the Northern Ireland match, W. Germany come to Wembley Stadium and then there are games against the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, befor the final match on June 8, again at Wembley, against Switzerland.

There is also a week's tour of Holland in May.

This week 30 boys are playing on snow-covered pitches at Lilleshall in the first of three trials to choose the 15 who will form the 1985 intake for the National School and coaching by Bobby Robson and his staff.

Most games arranged for this past week have been postponed or cancelled because of frozen pitches and the E S F A National Inter-School and Inter-County Cup competitions are running well behind schedule.

There is a large fixure backlog to be fitted in before the end of term when the festivals start and the ski parties set out for the Continent.

Following **Aldenham's** successful tour of Singapore and Hongkong in December, **Oakham School**, who only play football in the Lent term, embark on an ambitious 10-day tour at the end of March to Trinidad and Tobago.

This is the first time that any English school side has played in the islands and the two games against the Trinidad Under-19 and Under-21 teams are being played in the National Stadium under floodlights.

WELSH CHOICE

The Welsh squad for the friendly international against Norway at Wrexham next Tuesday is:

WALES (v Norway, Friendly, Feb. 26). — Southall (Everton), Niedzwiecki (Chelsea); Slatter (Bristol R), Ratcliffe (Everton), Jones (Chelsea), Jackett (Watford), James (QPR), Phillips (Manchester C), Thomas (Chelsea), Nicholas (Luton), Curtis (Southampton), Rush (Liverpool), Hughes (Manchester Utd), Lovell (Millwall), Price (Swansea), Pritchard (Bristol C), Holden (Chester).

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD (v Israel, Friendly, Tel Aviv, Feb. 27).—Seaman (Birmingham), Mimms (Rotherham), Venison (Sunderland), Pickering (Sunderland), Parker (Fulham), Cranson (Ipswich), Fairclough (Notts Forest), Barker (Blackburn), L. Snodin (Doncaster), Sinnot (Watford), Robson (Arsenal), Wallace (Southampton), Coltee (West Ham), Wilkinson (Grimsby), Walters (Aston Villa), Coney (Fulham).

SCOTLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD (v Spain, Cadiz, Feb. 26).—Gunn (Aberdeen), Bruce (Rangers), McKinlay (Dundee), Clarke (St Mirren), Cooper (Aberdeen), Hogg (Manchester Utd), McPherson (Rangers), Mackay (Hearts), Simpson (Aberdeen), Grant (Celtic), Levein (Hearts), Beaumont (Dundee Utd), Rice (Hibernian), Nevin (Chelsea), Black (Aberdeen), Robertson (Hearts), Speedie (Chelsea), Wright (Leeds).

Snooker

Reardon & Thorne knocked out

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE was little cheer for experienced campaigners Ray Reardon and Willie Thorne in the second round of the £250,000 Dulux British Open Snooker Championship in Derby yesterday.

Reardon, who has won the world title six times, failed dismally to take advantage of a 4-1 lead and slipped to a 5-4 defeat by Dave Martin, of Peterlee.

Thorne's defeat was even more spectacular.

The Leicester player, winner of the Mercantile Credit Classic in Warrington last month, was humiliated 5-0 by the Scottish champion, Murdo McLeod, and never looked remotely like the man who is enjoying one of the most successful seasons of his nine-year professional career.

Remarkable recovery

Reardon, wearing spectacles for the first time in tournament play, seemed to have everything in perspective when he won four of the first five frames against Martin.

But Martin, 37, then launched a remarkable recovery, compiling breaks of 44, 62, and 53, to level the match.

The deciding frame was an anti-climax. Reardon led briefly, but unaccountably conceded 25 points and three free balls with a sequence of foul shots—and Martin gratefully accepted his opportunity.

Thorne, seeded 12th, could have few complaints about his summary dismissal from snooker's richest tournament to date. Never able to find his touch, he allowed McLeod to dominate affairs and an opening frame break of 67 provided the Scot with all the confidence he needed.

Unhappy Thorne, who mustered only 151 points in the five frames said: "That was probably the worst I've ever played, but Murdo always seems to turn it on against me. Then again he always seems to play badly on television, so I hope he can sort it out this time. I wish him luck.

"Perhaps I am suffering a reaction from my first big win, but I don't really think so."

SECOND ROUND

M. McLeod (Edinburgh) bt W. Thorne (Leicester) 5-0. Frames: 80-26, 65-17, 99-34, 71-31, 64-23.

D. Martin (Peterlee) bt R. Reardon (Stoke) 5-4. Frames: 35-72, 37-69, 28-62, 98-15, 25-71, 67-13, 66-54, 64-49, 88-43.

Table Tennis

ENGLAND MUST WIN THIS ONE

ENGLAND, winners only once in five outings, face West Germany at Portsmouth tonight in their penultimate match of the super division of the European Table Tennis League, writes **Dick Rutnagur.**

Only promoted Holland trail England in the League table —and that on goal average.

Tonight's match seems doomed to be a financial disaster. The Mountbatten Centre holds 1,300 spectators and only 200 seats had been sold by last night.

However, a win would give England considerable protection against relegation, and yet it would not guarantee their staying up because Holland, whom they play in their final match, are capable of springing surprises.

Holland's hidden potential was demonstrated in their last match, in which they shocked Poland. In recent years Germany is the country that has most often gone up and down between the super and first divisions.

England have played two of their five matches hitherto without their No. 1, Desmond Douglas, who in his two matches won all his four singles encounters and three of his six doubles ties.

ENGLAND.—D. Douglas, A. Cooke, C. Prean, Miss A. Gordon.

WEST GERMANY. — G. Bohm, R. Wosik, Miss A. Olschewski. Three only.

SOCCER RESULTS

F A CUP—5th Rd

Millwall (1) 2 Leicester (0) 0
Fashanu
McLeary —18,000
Postponed: Luton v Watford (new date: March 4).

CANON LEAGUE—Div II

Fulham (0) 1 Oxford (0) 0
Achampong —6,655
Postponed: Brighton v Blackburn.

DIVISION IV

Blackpool (0) 1 Swindon (0) 0
Stewart 3,382
POSTPONED. — Aldershot v Colchester; Northampton v Port Vale.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — 1st Rd, 2nd Leg: Preston 0, Rochdale 0 (agg. 2-3) — Walsall 5, Derby 3 (agg. 5-4). 2nd Rd: Bournemouth 2, Torquay 1 — Bradford C 1, Mansfield 2. Postponed: Darlington v Halifax.

SCOTTISH LGE. — Premier Div: Celtic 4, Morton 0. Div. II: Albion R 1, East Stirling 0 — Cowdenbeath 0, Stenhousemuir 1 (abandoned 74 min., fog). Postponed: Alloa v Dunfermline.

E S F A U-19 CUP.—2nd Rd: Chesterfield 4, St Michaels Coll, Leeds 1.

NABISCO TROPHY.—2nd Rd: Derby 3, Lincoln 2.

TOUR MATCH.—C. Palace v FK Austria (cancelled).

WELSH FA CUP.—5th Rd: Newport v Wrexham (postponed).

CENTRAL LGE. Div. II: Bolton 0, Wigan 3 — Burnley 3, Leeds 1 — Oldham 3, Middlesbrough 3.

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Prem. Div: Paulton v Clandown (postponed).

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Premier Div.: Walthamstow 5, Harlow 0. Postponed: Leytonstone v Worthing.

GOLA LGE.—Wealdstone v Frickley (postponed).

RUGBY UNION.—Club: Swansea v Penarth cancelled. Hospitals Cup: Royal Free 23, KCH 3.

RUGBY LGE.—Silk Cut Cup, 1st Rd: Leigh v Huddersfield off (new date: Sunday).

TODAY'S SOCCER

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

MILK CUP—Semi-final, 2nd Leg

Chelsea v Sunderland (Postponed)

F A CUP—5th Rd

Ipswich v Sheffield Wed. ....
Wimbledon v West Ham (7.45) ......

5th Rd Replay

Liverpool v York ....

POSTPONED.—Southampton v Barnsley (new date: March 4).

SCOTTISH F A CUP.—4th Rd.: Meadowbank v Motherwell. Replay: Hearts v Brechin.

SCOTTISH LGE. — Premier Div.: Dundee v St Mirren. Div. I: Airdrie v Ayr, Partick v Clydebank. Div. II: Montrose v Q. of South, Raith v Berwick.

WELSH F A CUP.—5th Rd: Bangor v Towyn Rhyl v Shrewsbury; Newport v Wrexham.

BASS IRISH CUP.—2nd Rd.: Ballyclare v Glentoran.

F A TROPHY.—Matlock v Bromsgrove.

F A VASE.—5th Rd.: Bury v Wisbech. Replays: Chester-le-Street v Fleetwood (2.15), Sharpness v Sudbury.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.—1st Rd, 2nd Leg: Chester v Bury, Brentford v Reading (7.45), Bristol C. v Hereford (7.45).

GOLA LGE.—Kettering v Maidstone; Scarboro v Telford; Weymouth v Dartford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE.—Cup 2nd Rd: Burton v S. Liverpool.

CENTRAL LGE (7).—Div. I: Barnsley v Newcastle, Derby v Sheffield Utd, Huddersfield v Man. City (7.30), Stoke v Man. Utd, West Bromwich v Aston Villa. Div. II: Doncaster v Rotherham, Hull v Grimsby, Scunthorpe v Port Vale (7.30), York v Leicester.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Millwall v Arsenal (2), Norwich v Q P R, Oxford v Birmingham, Reading v West Ham.

F A VASE.—5th Rd Replay: Sharpness v Sudbury (2.15).

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE. — Hitchin v Billericay; Wycombe v Croydon.

Div. I: Chesham v Wembley. Div. II North: Flackwell v Tring. Div. II South: Molesey v Bracknell; Ruislip v Whyteleafe.

Southern Lge. — Premier Div.: Cheltenham v Bedworth, Corby v Gravesend. Bill Dellow Cup, 3rd Rd Replay: VS Rugby v King's Lynn.

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Cup: Clevedon v Bideford.

SOUTHERN COMB. CUP.—2nd Rd: Malden Vale v Hampton (Leatherhead FC).

U A U CH'SHIP. — Semi-final: Aberystwyth v Exeter (Bristol Univ., 2).

FRIENDLY.—Exeter v Luton.

GOLF

EL PARAISO PRO-AM (Las Aves, Spain): Landers—71—J. Garner (John Garner Golf), S. Hutchinson (Moortown). 73—P. Fenn (Stratford on Avon), F. Fryall (Hallands Core); 74—J. Chillas (Stirling); 75—T. Melville (Airdrie), M. Howell (Badgemoor Park), R. Cameron (Barnhurst). Team: 131—Chillas, Miss J. Bold, Mrs S. Quinn, T. Wallace.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH.—Kenya Coast Cricket Association 70 (C. Pickers 4-8), Club Cricket Conference U25 71-1 (M. Roberts 41).

SHELL SHIELD (Barbados): Leeward Islands 105 & 982, Barbados 140 & 247-9.

Badminton

TOP NAMES AVOID NATIONALS

By D. J. RUTNAGUR

FOR the second year running, England's leading players will miss the National Badminton Championships at Coventry from April 12-14.

Nick Yates and Helen Troke, among the singles players, and Martin Dew and Nora Perry, doubles specialists both, will definitely not compete, though the closing date for entries has not been reached.

There is also a doubt about the appearance of Steve Baddeley, England's joint No. 1. He says he will compete only if he happens to be in the country at the time and Baddeley is believed to be negotiating terms to play in a foreign event on the same dates.

The tournament, which used to be staged just before Christmas, is a victim of the big money competitions in the Far East which arose when badminton went open three years ago.

Last season Baddeley, Yates, Miss Troke, Karen Beckman and Jane Sutton (then Miss Webster) missed the nationals because the tournament clashed with the finals of the Pro-Kennex Grand Prix.

Less inclined

To avoid a repetition of this situation they were moved from December to April, though it was always apparent the competition would stir little interest so late in the season.

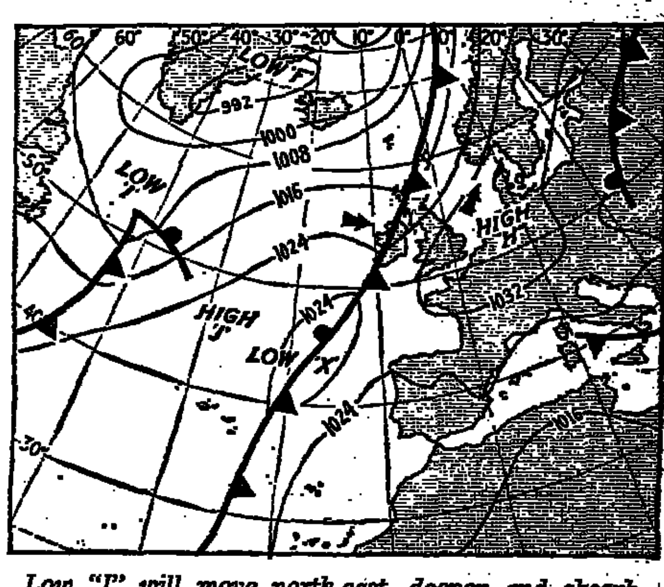
Now players are less inclined to participate because they want to rest before the world championships in Canada in mid-June. Another consideration is the sharp drop in prize money, with the men's singles prize only £100.

Prize money has shrunk because the poor quality of last year's entry drove away the sponsors, Yonex, and the future of the competition, established 21 years ago, must be in considerable peril.

RACKETS

AMATEUR DOUBLES FINAL. — C. J. Hue Williams & J. A. N. Prenn bt W. R. Boone & R. S. Crawley 15-8, 15-2, 15-14, 17-14.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Feb. 19



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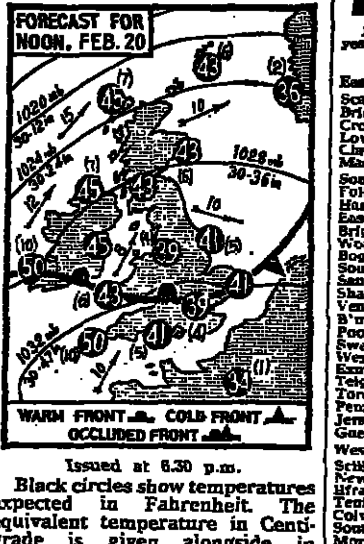
BRITISH ISLES



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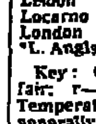
Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	c	52	11	Luxmbrg	s	25	-4
Algiers	f	61	16	Madrid	s	50	10
Amstrdm	s	30	-1	Majorca	dr	52	11
Athens	c	43	6	Malaga	c	59	15
Bahrain	s	64	18	Malta	f	63	17
*Barbados	s	82	28	Manchstr	f	34	1
Barclena	dr	48	9	Melbo'rne	s	75	24
Beirut	s	72	22	*Mexico C	f	63	17
Belfast	r	41	5	Miami	s	72	22
Belgrade	f	23	-5	Milan	s	37	3
Berlin	s	27	-3	Montreal	s	23	-5
*Bermuda	s	70	21	Moscow	s	10	-12
Biarritz	s	46	8	Munich	s	18	-8
Birmghm	c	30	-1	Nairobi	f	75	24
Blackpool	f	34	1	Newcstle	sn	32	0
Bordeaux	s	36	2	N. Delhi	s	75	24
*Boston	f	39	4	New York	s	48	9
Boulogne	s	30	-1	Nice	c	45	7
Bristol	s	37	3	Oporto	s	55	13
Brussels	s	28	-2	Oslo	s	3	-16
Budapest	f	25	-4	Paris	s	30	1
Cairo	s	81	27	Peking	c	23	-5
Cardiff	s	37	3	Perth	s	99	37
Cologne	s	27	-3	Prague	s	21	-6
Copnhgn	s	25	-3	Reykjvik	sn	34	1
*Chicago	c	36	2	Rhodes	f	55	13
Corfu	s	48	9	*R de Jan	s	86	30
*Dallas	s	64	18	Riyadh	s	68	20
*Denver	s	37	3	Rome	s	46	8
Dublin	r	45	7	Salzburg	c	21	-6
Dubrvnik	s	32	0	*S. Frisco	s	54	12
Edinbrgh	f	41	5	*Santiago	s	86	30
Faro	s	39	13	*S. Paulo	f	88	31
Florence	s	41	5	Seoul	f	36	2
Frankfurt	s	25	-5	Singapore	f	88	31
Funchal	f	59	15	Stockhlm	s	9	-13
Geneva	c	21	-6	Strasburg	c	25	-4
Gibraltar	f	59	15	Sydney	r	64	18
Glasgow	r	41	5	Tangier	f	61	16
Guernsey	s	36	2	Tel Aviv	f	75	24
Helsinki	s	16	-9	Tenerife	f	64	18
Hongkong	c	61	16	Toronto	c	30	-1
Innsbrck	s	21	-6	Tokyo	r	41	5
Inverness	c	45	7	Tunis	f	59	15
Istanbul	f	27	-3	Valencia	c	54	12
Jersey	s	37	3	*Vancver	f	41	5
Karachi	s	75	24	Venice	s	34	1
L. Palmas	f	64	18	Vienna	s	25	-4
Lima	s	77	25	Warsaw	sn	15	-9
Lisbon	s	54	12	Washngtn	s	48	9
Locarno	f	36	2	Wellingtn	r	57	14
London	s	36	2	Zurich	s	21	-6
*L. Angls	c	59	15				

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.



Lighting-up time 5.55 p.m. to 6.23 a.m. Sun rises 7.5 a.m. Sets 5.25 p.m. Moon rises 7.54 a.m. Sets 6.6 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 2.16 a.m. (22ft), 2.42 p.m. (22ft). Dover 11.40 a.m. (20·4ft), 11.53 p.m. (21ft).

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

East	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
Scarboro'	—	—	36	2	Cloudy
Bridlington	—	—	36	2	Dull pm
Cromer	1.2	—	36	2	Cloudy
Lowestoft	3.7	—	34	1	Sun am
Clacton	4.4	—	36	2	Sun am
Margate	—	—	36	2	Sunny
South					
Folkestone	8.9	—	34	1	Sunny
Hastings	7.6	—	34	1	Sunny
Eastb'rne	7.2	—	36	2	Sunny
Brighton	—	—	36	2	Sunny
Worthing	7.1	—	36	2	Sunny
Bognor	8.5	—	36	2	Sunny
Southsea	5.1	—	39	4	Sunny
Sandown	6.4	—	39	4	Sunny
Shanklin	6.4	—	39	4	Sunny
Ventnor	6.1	—	45	7	Sunny
B'mouth	5.8	—	39	4	Sunny
Poole	3.3	—	39	4	Cloudy
Swanage	4.0	—	39	4	Sun am
Weymouth	4.3	—	41	5	Bright
Exmouth	2.7	—	43	6	Cloudy
Teignm'h	3.2	—	41	5	Sun pm
Torquay	3.1	—	43	6	Bright
Penzance	6.3	—	48	9	Sunny
Jersey	9.1	—	39	4	Sunny
Guernsey	8.5	—	39	4	Sunny
West					
Scilly Is.	3.5	—	48	9	Sunny
Newquay	3.9	—	45	7	Bright
Ilfrac'be	1.0	—	45	7	Dull
Tenby	2.6	—	43	6	Cloudy
Colwyn B.	—	0.01	45	7	Dull
Southport	—	—	37	3	Dull
Morec'be	—	0.01	37	3	Dull
Douglas	—	0.30	43	6	Rain
Scotland					
Prestwick	—	0.17	43	6	Rain
Glasgow	0.7	0.03	43	6	Rain
Tiree	1.3	0.70	48	9	Rain am
Stornoway	1.7	0.34	46	8	Shrs pm
Lerwick	—	0.59	43	6	Shrs pm
Wick	0.5	0.52	46	8	Rain am
Kinloss	0.3	0.02	50	10	Showers
Aberdeen	0.7	0.13	43	6	Rain am
St Andr's	0.2	0.02	43	6	Rain pm
Edinburgh	—	—	43	6	Cloudy
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	—	0.35	43	6	Rain

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.): 39F (4C), min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 27F (—3), rainfall nil, sunshine 3·8 hrs.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest Lossiemouth 52F (11C), coldest Anvil Green, Kent 30F (—1C), wettest West Freugh, Dumfries ·38in, sunniest Jersey 9·1hrs.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

Andermatt	80	220	g	v	f	18
Andorra (Arinsal)	40	150	fa	h	sn	36
Grindelwald	110	160	g	pd	f	27
Isls	10	70	g	v	f	23
Isola 2000	95	155	g	g	g	28
Klosters	45	195	g	v	f	16
La Plagne	50	230	g	pd	f	25
Murren	100	240	g	h	f	19
St Anton	33	270	g	v	f	21
Tignes	132	180	g	h	f	18
Zermatt	55	110	g	v	f	27
Leysin	100	170	g	cr	f	25

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; lo—loam; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—on piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORM.—Upper and middle runs; complete, wide cover new snow on a hard base. Lower slopes; complete, new snow on a hard base. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads; clear. Snow level: 1,900ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: complete, new snow with many icy patches. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft.

GLENCOE (open Sats, Suns and Mons only).—Upper runs: complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: almost complete, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,500ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,300ft.

LECHT.—Upper and middle runs: complete, wide cover hard packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for ski-ing areas for Wednesday: mainly dry with sunny intervals, wind moderate to fresh west to south-west but becoming strong later. Freezing level 2,000ft.

Outlook for Thursday: becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain (snow at higher levels), strong to gale south-westerly winds.

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minton

OP NAMES VOID ATIONALS

By D. J. RUTNAGUR

OR the second year running, England's leading ayers will miss the tional Badminton Championships at Coventry m April 12-14.

ick Yates and Helen se, among the singles ers, and Martin Dew and a Perry, doubles specialists, will definitely not compete though the closing date entries has not been hed.

ere is also a doubt about appearance of Steve deley, England's joint No 1, says he will compete only if happens to be in the country the time and Baddeley is ved to be negotiating terms lay in a foreign event on the e dates.

he tournament, which used be staged just before Christ is a victim of the big money petitions in the Far East ch arose when badminton t open three years ago. ast season Baddeley, Yates, Troke, Karen Beckman and Sutton, then Miss Webster, ed the nationals because the rnament clashed with the is of the Pro-Kenner Grand

Less inclined

o avoid a repetition of this ation they were moved from ember to April, though it was ame apparent the competition id sti little interest so late he season.

ow players are less inclined participate because they want rest before the world champs in Canada in mid-June. other consideration is the op crop in prize money, with men's singles prize only £100. prize money has shrunk ause the poor quality of last ... entry drove away the ... sponsors, and the future the ... established 21 ... must be in considerable peril.

PACKETS

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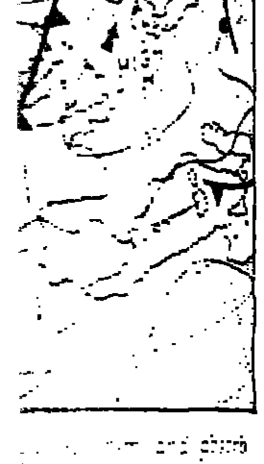

BRITISH RESORTS

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TELEVISION — WEDNESDAY

GUIDE BY HARVEY LEE

BBC-1

6.50 a.m.-9.20 Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30 Play School. 10.50-11.15 Gharbar—Surekha Vijh talks about her poetry. 12.30 News, Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and S.E. only: Financial Report and News Headlines). 1 Pebble Mill at One—remembers the much-missed presenter Donny MacLeod, with film of his visit to Singapore. 1.45 King Rollo. 1.50-2 Bric-a-Brac. 3.48 (not London) Regional news. 3.50 Play School. 4.10 The Wombles, rpt. 4.15 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.35 ★The Ring in the Rough Stuff, part three. 4.50 Captain Caveman. 5 John Craven's Newsround. 5.5 Seaview—Return of the youthful comedy set in a Blackpool b and b establishment. 5.35 Grange Hill. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

6 00 NEWS. WEATHER.

6 35 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

7 00 WOGAN—The week's middle visit to Terry Wogan's schedule-filling chat show.

7 40 STEPTOE AND SON — Come Dancing. Welcome though poignant return to the scrapyard, where Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H. Corbett live on as Galton and Simpson's eternally at-odds rag and bone men. Repeat.

8 10 THE TWO RONNIES—Cabaret comedians Lockstock and Barrel (otherwise known as Barker and Corbett) become entangled with diamond thieves on board a cruise ship in tonight's filmlet, "Caribbean Nights". Elaine Paige is their singing guest.

9 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 25 "THE EIGER SANCTION" (1975). The Clint Eastwood season clips along with this scenic thriller, which our hero also directed for his own production company, Malpaso. He plays a hitman named Hemlock, lured out of retirement to dispatch someone halfway up the north face of the Eiger. George Kennedy also appears.

11 30 NIGHT COURT—A hooker takes a fancy to the cherubic judge in this courtroom comedy series. 11.55 Weather.

BBC-2

6.30 a.m.-7.20 Open University. 9.38-3 Daytime on Two. 3.50-4.45 Mrs Thatcher at Congress. 5.30 News, weather. 5.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys—Tea at Wilton, with Michael Smith, the television chef. Rpt.

6 00 "THE TALL STRANGER" (1957). A fraternal feud impedes the progress west of a wagon train bearing wounded Joel McCrea through his horrible half-brother Barry Kelley's land. Virginia Mayo provides another cause for rivalry.

7 20 100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS — Johnny Prescott v Billy Walker in 1963. The re-match is recycled tomorrow night.

7 35 OPEN SPACE—New Year, New Hopes. A check on the condition of some of the 17,000 "boat-people", who made it to Britain five years ago, and today celebrate the Vietnamese New Year. But the clash in cultures has begun to take its toll on traditional values, and there are still educational and employment problems to overcome. A rare glimpse through the bamboo veil, courtesy of the expatriate community itself.

8 05 BOOKMARK—Pieces by Victoria Glendinning on "Omar Khayyam" translator Edward FitzGerald, and Susan Cheever on her late Pulitzer Prize-winning father John provide a setting for a gem of an interview with the recently-discovered novelist Rosamond Lehmann, 84, who understandably feels "somewhat posthumous" by such belater reappraisal.

9 00 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE—More of the deceitful comedy scripted by Malcolm Bradbury from Tom Sharpe, a master at pulling the strings of ill-fate from afar. In this chapter, the misfortunes rain down on Dundridge, the man from the ministry, doubly duped by Sir Giles and his confederates, and hotly pursued by the lascivious Lady Maud. Simon Cadell plays Dundridge with the corners of his mouth seemingly anchored to his knees. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 55 CABARET—Last visit to the smokey studio, where debonair Desmond Dingle (National Theatre of of Brent, director Patrick Barlow) introduces acts from the alternative cabaret scene, and A Little Westbrook Music, the latest incarnation of jazzman Mike Westbrook.

10 40 NEWSNIGHT. 11.25 Weather. 11.30-12.25 Open University.

ITV Thames

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr. and Mrs. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club—Savoury egg slice. 2.30 On the Market—announces the creator of the thriftiest daily menu. 3 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4 Button Moon, rpt. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. (Oracle sub-titles.) 4.45 The Book Tower—with Nicholas Fisk, author of the "Starstormers" series. (Oracle sub-titles.) 5.15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! on Racial Harassment.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . .?—Judith Chalmers works on her tan in Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort, and Chris Kelly reports from the Greek islands, leaving Scarborough to the Mackays, a civil servant and his family. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 30 CORONATION STREET. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE—Another biographical trap sprung by Eamonn Andrews.

8 30 THERE COMES A TIME—There is little at first, or even second, sight funny about someone being told that his ticker is about to cease ticking and this first situation comedy by the hitherto solid playwright Wally K. Daly is indeed more grey than black. Andrew Sachs is endearing as the electronics executive somewhat bewildered by the unexpected outcome of his annual medical. (Oracle.)

9 00 THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH—Minor Diversion. Scott and Amundsen prepare in earnest for their race to the Pole, although at this stage, they are assumed to be heading in opposite directions. Martin Shaw and Sverre Anker Ousdal play the two explorers in chapter two of Central's lavish production. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10 00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 30 MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL—World championship boxing (flyweight Charlie Magri against Sot Chitalada of Thailand), Cup soccer highlights and the darts final from Oldham. 12.15 Night Thoughts, with Rabbi Julia Neuberger.

Channel 4

2.30 "Overlord" (1975, b/w): Writer-director Stuart Cooper's film of the Normandy landings uses archive footage from the Imperial War Museum, and staged sequences with unknown actor Brian Stirmer as its ill-fated soldier hero, for added realism. 4 A Plus 4. 4.30 Countdown. 5 Alice. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

6 00 DANGER MAN (b/w). With Patrick McGoohan. Repeat.

6 30 THE LIVING BODY—Accident. The healing powers of the human body, as illustrated by a fallen skier.

7 00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS; at 7.50 Comment by a Plaid Cymru politician, and Weather.

8 00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES—The Gentry Century. Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Professor Gwyn Williams express divergent views over the role of the gentry in 18th-century Welsh history.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS — The Price of Coal. Eyes right, as Peter Clarke argues for the pits to be privatised.

9 00-12.25 ★ JULIUS CAESAR—English National Opera's production, by John Copley, transfers well to the television studio, complete with burnished sets, lusty singing by Dame Janet Baker (as Caesar), Valerie Masterson (Cleopatra) and Della Jones (Sextus), and a sweeping Baroque string score conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 Mr and Mrs.
2 00 Problem Page.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 27 TVS News, followed by The Young Doctors.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . . New sit-com series about a man on the verge of making medical history, with Andrew Sachs and Judy Cornwell.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News; TVS News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special: boxing, soccer, darts.
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Mr and Mrs.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . New sit-com series: Tony (Andrew Sachs) is told he's about to make medical history. Co-starring Judy Cornwell.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News; Anglia News.
10 30 Midweek Sports Special: boxing, soccer, darts.
12 15 Candles in the Dark.

Central

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Silver Spoons.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle and McCormick.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Newsround.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . . New sit-com series: Andrew Sachs. Judy Cornwell. Executive Tony is about to make medical history.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News; Central News.
10 30-12.15 Midweek Sport Special: boxing, soccer, darts.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Calendar Health Club.
1 00 News; Calendar.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Survival: reptiles.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . . New sit-com series, with Andrew Sachs and Judy Cornwell, about a man on the verge of making medical history.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News.
10 30-12.15 Midweek Sport Special: boxing, soccer, darts.

HTV

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Benson.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Three Little Words.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . . New sit-com series: Andrew Sachs. Judy Cornwell. Executive Tony is about to make medical history.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News; HTV News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special: boxing, soccer, darts.
12 15 Weather.

HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.25 Wales at Six.

TSW

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Ace Crawford—Private Eye.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Scene South West — The Bridge of Brunel's Dream . . .
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time . . . New sit-com series: Andrew Sachs. Judy Cornwell. Executive Tony is about to make medical history.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth: Part 2.
10 00 News; Local News.
10 34 Midweek Sport Special: boxing, soccer, darts.
12 15 Postscript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
12 00-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 Phyllis Diller Show.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 Home Cookery Club.
7 00-12.15 As TSW.
12 15 News and Weather in French; Weather.

Open University

BBC2 TV: 6.30 a.m. T101. 6.55-7.20 A101. 11.30 p.m. S202. 11.55-12.25 T281.
Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. A315. 11.50-12.10 E200.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 A562.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1 p.m.: Countdown. 1.30 S.W.A.L.K. New drama series about 15-year-old Amanda, her elder sister and an agony aunt. 2 Beth, Sut, Pam, Bryd a Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn o Fyd. 3.20 The Year of the French. 4.15 Me and My Micro. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6 Brookside. 6.30 Pwl: Pencampwriaeth. Y rowndiau terfynol o Blas Madog, Wrecsam. 7 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Dilyn yr Og. Cyfres newydd gyda'r newyddion diweddara i ffermwyr Cymru. 8 Yr Achos Hwn: Harold Greenwood. 8.35 Y Byd ar Bedwar; yn dilyn Penawdau Newyddion. 9.5 "An Enemy of the People": 1977 film from Ibsen's play, with Steve McQueen as the doctor who braves bitter opposition to reveal the dangerous condition of the town's water supply. 11 Soccer Pel Droedd. 11.30 Diverse Reports: The Price of Coal. 12-1 Eastern Eye.

BBC WALES

5.35 p.m.-6 Wales Today. 6.35-7 Sportfolio.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 00 Gardeners' Question Time, rpt.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 Symphonies and Silence, rpt: Peter Maxwell Davies.
11 48 Music Workshop.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 "The Great Impersonation": 3, rpt.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 The Storytellers: 1. Kipling's "The Wish House" dramatised by Sue Glover.
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 00 File on 4, rpt.
4 40 Story Time: "Old Glory" (3).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial news.
6 30 Just a Minute.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint.
7 45 Miracles Take a Little Longer: 1. The Relief of Zimbabwe.
8 45 Analysis: Nigel Burns his Bridges. Mary Goldring examines the Chancellor's claim that the best cure for recession is to cut taxes.
9 30 More Wrestling than Dancing, rpt.: 4.
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "The Doves of Venus" (8).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11 p.m. Study on 4: Get By in Greek. 11.30-12.10 Open University. 12.30 a.m.-1.10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Your Midweek Choice (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer: Carl Nielsen.
10 00 Mendelssohn.
10 40 Crusell, Wolf, Bliss.
11 20 BBC Welsh SO, Jennifer Smith (soprano): Berg, Szymanowski.
12 15 Concert Hall: Richard Lester (cello) and Susan Tomes (piano).
1 00 News.
1 05 John Dankworth.
1 20 Matineé Musicale.
2 20 Flieder Trio.
3 15 Koechlin.
4 00 Choral Evensong from St. John's College Chapel, Cambridge.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Début: Joan Rodgers (soprano), Roger Vignoles (piano).
7 00 Carlos Barbosa-Lima (guitar).
7 30 "The Death of Humpty Dumpty": rpt. of Graham Reid's play.
9 00 Royal Philharmonic Society Concert: Hallé Orchestra conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, and Michael Collins (clarinet), play Britten, Weber, Beethoven (9.15-10.5 Six Continents).
11 00 Silvia Marcovici and Ian Brown (violin and piano): Beethoven, Franck.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Gloria Hunniford.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 00 David Hamilton.
6 00 John Dunn.
8 00 String Sound.
8 30 Male Voice Choirs.
9 15 Listen to the Band.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Cantabile.
10 15 The Life of Jim.
10 30 Boxing: WBC Flyweight Championship: Charlie Magri (Stepney) v Sot Chitalada (Thailand).
11 30 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Charles Nove.
3 00 Cynthia Glover, rpt.
3 30-4 Vintage Sporting Years, rpt.

VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 The Simon Bates Mystery Train Tour.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes.
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 John Peel.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 10 News. 10.1 Time Remembered. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 From the Proms. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Classical Guitar. 3.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Mrs Thatcher at Congress. 5 World News. 5.9 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 Album Time. 9.45 Recording of the Week. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 11.30 Top Twenty.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Foreign Correspondents. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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BIRTHS

ALATAS.—On Feb. 7, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to VICTORIA (née Holdsworth) and MOHAMED, a son (Z...), brother for Tara.

CHANDLER. — On Feb. 13, to CHRISTINE (née Bolton) and SAM, a son (Mark Charles).

CHARLTON.—On Feb. 18, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden, to SANDRA (née Watson) and MARTYN, a son.

CHURCHER. — On Feb. 17, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Pat and Paul, a daughter (Arabella), a sister for Camilla.

CLIFT. — On Feb. 16, at St Thomas' Hospital, to DIANE (née Seamark) and FRASER, a daughter, sister for Juliet.

CUSSEL.—On Feb. 15 to MARK and JILL, a brother (Samuel James), a brother for George and Fiona.

GILSEY. — On Feb. 16, to AMANDA (née Rook) and ROBERT, a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth).

GRAY.—On Feb. 13, to SUZANNE (née Medaglia) and DUNCAN, a daughter (Naomi Rachel), a sister for Emily.

HOGGARD. — On Feb. 15, to KAREN (née Thomas) and JONATHAN, a son (Nicholas Wellesley).

KEYLOCK.—On Valentine's Day, to JILL (née Peebles) and FRANK, a daughter (Louisa Kate).

KEYSER. — On Feb. 18, to MARIE-CLAIRE (née Hull) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth), a sister for Charles.

LUAS-SAUDAMORE. — On Feb. 7, to JANET and JOHN, a daughter.

MANSTED.—On Feb. 18, to ROSALIND (née Martin) and CHARLES, a daughter.

PHELPS. — On Feb. 17, in Singapore, to PAULINE (née Helfyer) and RICHARD, a son (Edward George), a brother for William.

PIPER.—On Feb. 18, to ANN and JOHN, a daughter, a sister for Lisa and Jonathan.

SEED.—On Feb. 19, at Roe Valley Hospital, Limavady, to MARGARET and DAVID, a daughter (Harriet Frances Clare).

SQUIRE.—On Monday, Feb. 18, at Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, to NICOLA (née Nobbs) and JONATHAN, a son, brother for Amanda.

STEARS.—On Feb. 17, to SUSAN and COLIN, a daughter (Clare Elizabeth), sister for Matthew.

THORNE.—On Feb. 17, to DINI and IAN, a daughter (Amy).

WATSON.—On Feb. 18, to PENNY (née Rothwell) and DR ANDREW WATSON, a son (Alexander John), a brother for James.

MARRIAGES

COX—WATTS.—On Feb. 18, DAVID COX, of Ferrypoorth, to ANNE WATTS, of Trevice. At Newquay.

SILVER WEDDINGS

SEILER—TETT.—On Feb. 20, 1960, at St Nicholas, Arundel, KEITH to JOY. Now at The Grove, Oford Darcy, Huntingdon.

SOUTHERN—BUTLER. — On Feb. 20, 1960, at St Mary's Church, Frensham, John to Hilda. Congratulations from Anne, Mary and James.

RUBY WEDDING

FAULKNER—HESLOP.—On Feb. 20, 1945, at Ecclesall Church, Sheffield, KENNETH to JEAN. Now at Cobblers, Cold Aston, Cheltenham.

GOLDEN WEDDING

COBB—PRIMMER.—On Feb. 20, 1935, at St Mark's Church, Lonsdale, Poole, Dorset, WILLIAM to BETTYE. Now at Winchwood, Monkton, Pembroke, Dyfed.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On Feb 18, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ERNEST LOUISE (née Houlton), of Duchess of Kent Court, Aylesford, aged 80 years. Loved and sadly missed by all her family. Funeral service will take place on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m., at St Peter and St Paul Church, Aylesford, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Miller, F.D., 43, Metcalfe Road, Maidstone Tel. 0622 54234.

ADAMS. — On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully, in Cambridge, in his 91st year, Dr JOSEPH ADAMS, previously of Sheffield, widower of Agnes, father of Aileen and Patricia and of the late John, grandfather of Allan, Michael, Sarah and Michael.

ATTRILL.—On Feb. 15, in hospital, LILY AGNES (née Barker), aged 93, of Wilfrida, Brinkstone, Lolworth. Service at St Mary the Virgin, Bournstone, Feb. 22, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

AUSTIN.—On Feb. 10, 1985, peacefully at home, LILIAS MARY, of Eastcote. Funeral service on Thursday, Feb. 28, at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Alfreton Gardens, Battersea Rise, S.W.11, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden.

BADCOCK.—On Feb. 17, 1985, in hospital, G/Capt. E. C. G. BADCOCK, O.B.E., R.A.F. (Retd), of Ferring, Sussex. Much loved by all his family. Service at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9.45 a.m., followed by cremation at Worthing Crematorium at 10.30 a.m.

BAILLI.—On Monday, Feb. 18, at University College Hospital, London, REX, dearly loved husband of Jean, dearest dad of Jane, late of Leeds, now of London. Cremation service at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth, Middlesex, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 9.15 a.m. Floral tributes to Lodge Brothers, 4, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex, by 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21.

BENSON.—On Saturday, Feb. 16, NANCY THELMA, beloved mother and grandmother. Sadly missed by Raymond, April, Sean and Tracey, but thankfully the happy memories will live for ever.

BLAKE. — On Feb. 19, 1985, at home, DONALD CHARLES BLAKE, aged 82 years, dearly loved husband of Marie and loving father of Katherine Helen, Charles, Susan, Philip, John. Service and committal at Altrincham Crematorium on Monday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. Family flowers only. Inquiries Arthur Crosby, N.A.F.D., I.F.T.A., tel. 061-973 5151 or 973 6696.

BONGARD.—On Feb. 17, at home in Kew Gardens, Surrey, MAI, wife of the late L. J. BONGARD. Inquiries T. H. Sanders & Sons, 01-948 1551.

BOWEN-ROBERTS. — On Feb. 18, JILL. Remembered with love by Bowen, her children Heather, Anne, David, Peter, Susan and Jane, her daughters and sons-in-law, her grandchildren and her many friends. She will be sadly missed. Memorial service at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22. Flowers to H. Peasgood & Son, 52, Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

BOWYER.—On Feb. 19, 1985, peacefully in hospital, WILLIAM E. BOWYER, F.A.C.C.A., former Alderman of Reading, of 22, Riverside Court, Caversham, Reading. Cremation at Reading Crematorium, Henley Road, Caversham, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to A. E. Walker & Son Ltd, 56, Elgin Road, Reading.

BRADLEY.—On Feb. 19, peacefully at home after a short illness, EVA, much loved sister of Patricia. Will be sadly missed by her many relations and friends, including the staff and pupils of Hoole House School, Frimley, Middx. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 11.15 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26. Flowers (or donations, if desired, to Cancer Research) c/o 50, Bow Street, Hendon, N.W.4.

BRAIME.—On Feb. 12, 1985, suddenly in hospital, DORIS IRENE, dearly loved mother of Anthony and widow of Capt. LEWIN (Tod) BRAIME. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Amlwch, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to R.S.P.C.A., c/o Lloyds Bank, Salisbury.

BROWN.—On Feb. 14, 1985, Victoria, in her 95th year, the beloved husband of the late Hilda and dearly loved and deeply missed father of Peggy. He was greatly loved by his four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and much respected by his nieces and nephews. Funeral service at Putney Methodist Church on Monday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

BRYDEN.—On Feb. 5, in a nursing home at Branksome Park, Poole, ETHEL BRYDEN, in her 98th year. Interment has taken place in Parkstone Cemetery. All inquiries to Alfred Allum, Connor House, Cumnor Road, Bournemouth.

BRYDEN.—On Feb. 18, peacefully at Keston House, VIOLET ROSAMUND, aged 81, of Chiswell, widow of William, mother of John and Mary. Cremation at City of London Crematorium Friday, Feb. 22, at 1.10 p.m.

BULLOCK.—On Feb. 18, 1985, suddenly, in hospital, ERIC, darling husband of Peggy and brother of Tom. Private funeral. No flowers, please.

BURKITT.—On Feb. 18, 1985, at the Royal Liverpool Hospital formerly of Cunard-Brocklebank Ltd., PAT BURKITT, D.S., aged 77 years, dearly loved husband of Nora. Inquiries 051-645 4396.

BURLS.—On Feb. 18, 1985, MARTIN ROBERT (Bobby), darling husband of Mollie and dear father of Jennifer and the late Belinder, father-in-law of Roger and Colin, a loving grandfather. Funeral service will take place at St James's Church, Gerrards Cross, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Amersham. Flowers to H. C. Grimwood Ltd, tel. Gerrards Cross 882644.

BUTLER.—On Feb. 15, 1985, suddenly in hospital, after a short illness, DOUGLAS JOHN, aged 68 years. He will be sadly missed by his wife Irene, children Richard, Christopher and Patricia, Children-in-law Jane and Jean-Marc and grandchildren Anna and Helen. Rest in peace. Funeral service will take place on Friday, Feb. 22, at All Saints' Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, at 2.45 p.m., followed by cremation.

CAMERON.—On Feb. 17, 1985, MURIEL, of Cheadle, Cheshire, widow of EWEN DONALD CAMERON, sister of Winifred and Mary. Service at Cheadle Parish Church on Friday, Feb. 22, at 9.45 a.m., prior to private cremation. Inquiries and flowers to Ben Lloyd Ltd., tel. 061-485 3135 and Poynton 872717.

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1 Settle to get revenge (6, 8)
9 New net I arrange to weave (7)
10 Question framed by a boy from a remote part of North America (7)
11 Double rebuff for an unpopular prelate (4)
12 Disorders with which the police may have to deal? (10)
14 Stupid fellow caught in US secret service purge (6)
15 Perch occupied by a parrot? The devil it is! (8)
17 Purveyor of American crime fiction (8)
18 Prudent folk will do this themselves (6)
21 Things best left unsaid in polite company (5-5)
22 A branch line round-up in the Southern Region (4)
24 Pointedly heckled (7)
25 Effective narration (7)
26 What enabled the tortoise to beat the hare? (6, 8)

DOWN

1 He calls up about the resin for the varnish (7)
2 False balance-sheet? Don't you believe it! (6, 9)
3 Inveigh against one who makes a 2 up? (4)
4 The simian world in which a power-driven cycle gets overturned (6)
5 An ocarina, for instance, filled with smoke? (4-4)
6 Laid waste Gaul in vain and to no purpose (10)
7 Ambushed with astonishing speed? (5, 2, 8)
8 Singularly harmonious coincidence (6)
13 A rags-to-riches story recalled in transition (10)
16 Instantly after the first place? (8)
17 Coins changed outside a gaming establishment (6)
19 Gets into a paddy? (7)
20 Pressman arranges to ride round when upset (6)
23 A flower saluted with patriotic fervour (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Spirit
4 Shallow dish
8 Garret
9 Ascetic
10 Expand
11 Weathercock
12 Outfit
14 Chafe
15 Anger
18 Spike of corn
21 Midwest state
23 Experience
25 Husbandry
26 Cape antelope
27 Giddy
28 Remained

DOWN
1 Grumbled
2 Nominal
3 Tear
4 Mail
5 Scene of combat
6 Oxford college
7 Bet
13 Slope
16 Divided country
17 Talented
19 Monarch
20 Squalid
22 Graceful dance
24 Misty

ARMS CONTROL IS THATCHER'S TOP PRIORITY

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent in Washington

THE Prime Minister travelled to the United States last night for a crowded three-day programme including talks and lunch with President Reagan today on topics ranging from East-West nuclear arms control to Britain's economic problems.

Before going to the White House Mrs Thatcher will address a joint meeting of Congress — the first British Prime Minister to be so honoured since Churchill in 1952.

In a country where the Press and broadcasting companies are constantly searching for "another Watergate," Mrs Thatcher expects to be asked, in a series of television interviews this morning, about the Belgrano secrets case and the claims by Mr Clive Ponting of a Government cover-up. She is ready to deliver robust denials.

The Prime Minister is accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary.

As she flew to Washington by R A F VC10, it was stressed that there were several important matters but no serious differences to be raised with Mr Reagan. As she told an American television interviewer at the weekend, she is "his biggest fan."

Space defence

At the head of their agenda is the subject of nuclear arms control, including America's space defence plans.

Mrs Thatcher will receive an updating report from Mr Reagan following their talks at Camp David before Christmas and in advance of the arms negotiations to be resumed between America and Russia in Geneva next month.

The Prime Minister approves of research continuing into the space defence concept, officially called Strategic Defence Initiative. She would like British companies to win some of the massive contracts.

But she feels that the space-based, anti-missile system should not be produced or deployed without treaty negotiations with the Russians.

The perceived scope for progress on arms control will be part of a review of relations between the West and Russia.

The Prime Minister also wants to discuss the Middle East and international terrorism.

Although she is giving it lower priority than on some previous visits, Mrs Thatcher also intends to raise again the subject of America's huge budget deficit which affects British interest rates and the state of sterling against the dollar and other currencies.

Economic matters

She will have a further discussion about economic matters tomorrow with Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Prime Minister's programme, which began with a briefing from British Embassy officials last night, is characteristically hectic.

Her day will begin with the first of four TV interviews at 6.45 a.m. and conclude around midnight after a dinner at the British Embassy. The dinner will mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Britain and the United States.

She will also receive an international award to mark her "contributions to world understanding."

The Prime Minister will have a half-day programme in Washington tomorrow and return to London early on Friday.

Editorial Comment—P20

AIRFIELD BOMB

Bomb disposal experts were preparing yesterday to explode a 500lb wartime bomb found although none died laboratory fighters were wounded yesterday buried at RAF Scampton, Lincs., a base used by the Red Arrows aerobatic team. The British anti-submarine bomb was found by workmen buried near a taxi-way.

SELLAFIELD 'CLEAR'

Engineers at the Sellafield nuclear complex have cleared a blockage which has shut the plant for nearly three weeks and cost British Nuclear Fuels millions of pounds in lost production. Highly radioactive plutonium and uranium solids are involved.

SOLUTION No. 18,379

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 7 Making, 8 Rhodes, 10 Tilbury, 11 Repel, 12 Used, 13 Colon, 17 Might, 18 Polo, 22 Whale, 23 Netting, 24 Fresco, 25 Breeze.
DOWN: 1 Amateur, 2 Skillet, 3 Annul, 4 Chariot, 5 Adept, 6 Psalm, 9 Xylophone, 14 Silence, 15 Conifer, 16 Mongrel, 19 Swift, 20 Haven, 21 Stern.

For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword*

IRA CASH

By JAMES ALLAN and A. J. McILROY

Continued from Page One

ETA in Spain are also believed to have paid financial dividends.

In Ireland, IRA fund-raising activities have resulted in an unprecedented crime wave in the 26 counties where 11 policemen have been killed on duty, usually trying to prevent armed robberies.

The republic has had an average of 500 armed robberies a year since 1979, with the Friday hold-up of armoured vans carrying wages becoming a common occurrence, so much so that the wailing of police sirens is now known as "the Friday Angelus."

NORAID CASH

£229,000 a year

IAN BALL in New York writes: Noraid has said it raises an average of about $250,000 (£229,000) a year through fund-raising events organised by its 90-odd branches in the United States and Canada.

This is the sum publicly reported to the United States Justice Department, under the requirement that Irish Iorthern Aid register as an "agent" of a foreign organisation.

But British officials in the United States, and some Noraid-watchers in the Justice Department suspect that in addition to the fund-raising totals reported, substantial amounts of cash are moved by courier to support IRA activities in Northern Ireland or kept in the United States to finance clandestine arms deals.

CAR BAN LIFTED TO AID SKIN DISEASE MAN

Mr Kevin Lowes, 26, persuaded magistrates at Bracknell, Berkshire, yesterday, to lift a three-year driving ban imposed in 1982 for drink-driving, so that he can earn enough money to get treatment for chronic psoriasis, a skin disease.

Mr Lowes, of Fairview Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, wants to attend a private clinic in Israel which uses mud from the Dead Sea to treat psoriasis sufferers.

The self-employed builder told magistrates he had been unable to find enough work while unable to drive. Mr Richard Martin, his solicitor, said: "It would be a kind deed and an act of mercy to have the driving ban lifted."

SOLICITOR IS STRUCK OFF

Mr Graham Jenkins, a solicitor who practised from Wemyss Place, Edinburgh, and is a nephew of the late Richard Burton, was struck off the roll of solicitors in Scotland yesterday.

The Scottish Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal said that Mr Jenkins had acted "inexcusably" in dealings which last year led to an 18-month jail sentence for frauds totalling £225,000. The tribunal said he had arranged bridging facilities in fictitious names for the use of other clients.

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Pledge to Europe on defence

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN, seeking European support for his anti-missile defence programme, will tell Mrs Thatcher today that he does not intend "to erect a defence umbrella over the United States and leave our friends in the lurch."

Any exploitation of the Space Defence Initiative programme, a senior official said yesterday at a briefing on Mrs Thatcher's visit to Washington, would be used to protect Europe as much as the United States, and that was the sort of issue that would come up in today's White House talks.

The official said Mrs Thatcher had overcome what he called "nuclear allergy" in her own country and could be "very helpful" in America's dispute with New Zealand over the ban on nuclear American warships visiting New Zealand ports.

The official said Mrs Thatcher "faced a situation in her own country over the rising protest about the deployment of nuclear weapons prior to her election in 1983."

"She didn't try to hide from the issue, she made it an issue," he said. "She made her resolve for the maintenance of a nuclear balance and credibility in nuclear deterrence an issue in the campaign and, as you know, she scored a resounding success in the polls.

"I think she is a very good example of standing up to these issues and getting the support of public opinion behind her."

Apart from East/West relations and the international economy, the official said, the United States would raise with Mrs Thatcher the issue of "the growing problem of multinational terrorism in Europe."

Budget deficit

Asked about America's record budget deficit and the soaring dollar, the official said the U.S. was ready to discuss these issues but this did not necessarily mean it was ready to make concessions.

"I would steer you away from the notion that there are any major disagreements" on these issues, he said. "On bedrock economic philosophy, the importance of a free international market I think the President and Mrs Thatcher see things in very much the same light."

He added: "There is no secret that she wants to discuss the strength of the dollar and the declining rate of the pound, but "it is very hard to prove that there is a direct correlation between the strength of the dollar and interest rates.

"There are other factors at work and one of those factors is the dynamism of the American economy. The fact that the American economy is growing, naturally attracts investments."

GANDHI RULES AGAINST RIOT INQUIRY

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister, said yesterday that no official inquiry would be held into the anti-Sikh rioting in which at least 2,770 people died after his mother's murder by two Sikh bodyguards on October 31.

The Press Trust of India quoted Mr Gandhi as telling an election meeting in the central state of Madhya Pradesh that an inquiry would not be in the interest of the Sikhs.

"I am very keen to safeguard the interests of the Sikhs and do not want any anti-Sikh atmosphere to be built up again."—Reuter.

FLOWERS TO REST

By Our Education Staff

Lord Flowers, chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and University Principals, is to give up the post to recover from illness and prepare to take over as London University Vice Chancellor in September.

Commons Sketch

TORY BLUES ON OXFORD

By GODFREY BARKER

THE Tory rearguard actions to concrete over Oxford University, or to drop it on Nevada, donate it to Mr Mugabe or moor it off Bikini Atoll made progress in the Commons yesterday.

Honour (you know whose) was at stake again. Some of us counted our spoons.

The Prime Minister's Sir Walter Ralegh was Mr Harry Greeneway, M P for Ealing North. He is a fellow of clenched visage who fancies retribution.

Harry's style befits a magistrate and a former Head of English at Millbank School which he was.

His is a slightly battered world-weariness about humanity and its peccadilloes. He seems fatigued at the failure of Reason in this world.

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More perplexing to him, how institutions. From Mr Peter Brooke, Education Minister, Harry elicited what every schoolboy knows: that Oxford is useless at maths.

Pious lament

"The real increase in annual recurrent income in British universities from 1979/80 to 1982/83 is 10·8 per cent," intoned Mr Brooke (one fancied that the small print mattered). "That for Oxford is 9·3 per cent," though not precisely comparable.

Tories sighed loudly. So much for dumb dons who refused Mrs Thatcher her honorary doctorate because resources had been cut.

Harry, sic transit gloria writ large upon his brow, rose and lamented piously.

"Was it not deplorable," the tone was of experienced sadness, "that the Congregation refused an hon. degree for Oxford's most famous daughter on the spurious grounds of education cuts and without proper study of the facts?"

Mr Brooke, who has studied "La Condition Humaine" as a former president of the Balliol JCR and in a long night in the Whips' office, seems to have somthing different in deplorable behaviour from Harry.

"No cause be can considered lost until the University of Oxford has espoused it," was his cheerful answer.

Mr John Stokes now wept for England. He is Haileybury, the Queen's College and an old India hand. On his moustachoed features the sunset of the British Empire lingers

Elegant irony

Nowadays he specialises in elegant irony. "Is there a relationship," he mused, "between what taxpayers put into Oxford and what comes out?"

Mr Brooke proved to have pulled his answers from the Oxford Book of Oxford. That university's dominance in British politics derived from the better train service to London than that from Cambridge.

"But the House will recall Hazlitt," he wittered on, "that 'You will hear more good things on the outside of a stagecoach from London to Oxford than if you were to pass a 12-month with the undergraduates or Heads of Colleges of that famous university'."

Oh ho! "Very, very, very biting spite," sniggered the Labour Front Bench. "Very erudaht," called a coal mining voice.

Next in unvented spleen came Mr Roy Galley (C., Halifax) (blame him on Worcester College). In view of Oxford's declining reputation, why not shift its resources to northern universities?

Mr Brooke was in another world. "It is now 50 years since Cambridge had a man in Downing Street," he quoth irrelevantly.

"If the University of Oxford insists on committing hubris then we risk the *nemesis* of another Cambridge man."

Ah, the Dorian strain! Labour rolled around confounded. "He's very bitter, very bitter indeed," eventually deduced a scholar and an egghead.

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By JOHN RICHARDS

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would be prepared to reword one paragraph to reassure both the NUM and Nacods that the future of all pits will be subject to consideration under a modified colliery review procedure.

But it would insist on the agreement making overt references to the NUM recognising that the interests of its members are best served by the development of an economically sound mining industry in which the Board has the right to manage.

The Board also wants the union to acknowledge that pits which cannot be developed to provide the Board, in line with its responsibilities, with a satisfactory basis for continuing operations will be closed.

If a formulation along these lines proves acceptable to the NUM and Nacods executive, it could still be a hard one to "sell" to the coalfield delegates,

OUR POLITICAL STAFF writes: There was a tempered mood for optimism at Westminster last night

The Government was cautioning against over-optimism, but senior politicians on both sides of the House were suggesting privately that the "coffee and biscuits" at No. 10 could only have done good.

The Prime Minister showed no hint of conciliation in her report of the meetings to the Commons. Although she stressed the Government's appreciation of the work being done by Mr Norman Willis and other members of the TUC.

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DEATHS

CANNING-COOKE. — On Feb. 16, at her home in West Sussex, JEAN RACHEL COOKE (née Canning), dearly loved mother of John (deceased) and grandmother of James and Tessa. Service at the Worthing Crematorium on Monday, Feb. 25, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cancer Research. All inquiries to Dillistone Funeral Service, tel. Worthing 208835.

CHAPLIN.—On Feb. 18, peacefully in hospital, PHYLLIS IRENE (nee Rusk), of Walton-on-Thames, beloved wife of Cyril Armur and dear mother of Lynne. Funeral 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22, at St Mary's Church, Oatlands, Weybridge, followed by cremation at Leatherhead. No flowers. Donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher.

CASTEL de BOINVILLE.—On Feb. 16, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, CHARLES ALFRED, aged 70 years, devoted and beloved father of Claire, Nigel and Simon. The funeral will take place at St Mary's Parish Church, Fetcham, on Surrey, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to the Commanding Officer, Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2AN, payable to the Central Bank, Cambridge Military Hospital.

CHAUMONNOT. — On Saturday, Feb. 16, peacefully at her home, 7 Avenue Calmont, Oxford, YVONNE, late of Godolphin School. Funeral service at Cowell Church, followed by interment at St Andrew's Church, Chinnor, on Thursday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Joseph's Hospice, may be sent to Surman & Horwood Funeral Service, 25, High Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Bucks.

CLIFTON. — On Feb. 19, 1985, peacefully at home, MARY JANE (Micki), Requiem Mass at Holy Cross Church, Market Street, Watford, on Feb. 25, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations in her name to the Bursar, Cheltenham School of Music, Long Mill Gate, Manchester, M3 1SR.

COLEMAN. — On Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1985, at his home, 108, Mill Road, Royston, Herts., ARTHUR VERNON COLEMAN, aged 74 years, dearly loved by his wife, Marjorie, and his sons, Keith and Robert. Funeral service on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. at Cambridge Crematorium. No flowers, please, but enquiries to S. Newling & Son, Chapel of Rest, Market Hill, Royston, Herts.

COX.—On Feb. 18, at the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent, after a long illness cheerfully borne, JENNIFER DOROTHY Cox (née Tuck), aged 77 years, of 23, Turners Avenue, Tenterden, and formerly of Lee, London, S.E.13, darling wife of George and very dear sister of Doris. Family flowers only, but donations sent in lieu will be sent to Leukaemia Research.

CREECH.—On Feb. 17, suddenly at home, BENJAMIN CREECH. Funeral on Friday, Feb. 22, at 11.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster.

CROSBIE.—On Feb. 18, peacefully at Llanwnda, FRANCIS JOSEPH, dear brother of Iris and Molly. Funeral service take place at Llanfaethlu on Friday, 23. Further inquiries to Messrs Tom Owen & Son, funeral directors, Llanfaethlu, tel. 0492 76875.

DUNNAM. — On Feb. 19, 1985, peacefully at Edgefield Nursing Home, Kington, Herefordshire, SALLY DUNNAM, beloved wife of the late Tom, Candie and dearest mother of Billie and Jo. Funeral private.

DAWSON.—On Feb. 16, 1985, peacefully, at Holme Tower, Penrith, Cumbria, formerly of Southgate, London, dearly loved wife of the late Arthur, Jacki Dawson, dear sister of Lyndhurst, John, Florys (Vic), Gwylda and the late Winston, loved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation at New Southgate Crematorium, Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Holme Tower Nursing Home, Penrith.

de-la-MARE. — On Feb. 18, peacefully at home, VALERIE KERSTIN (née Hansen), aged 73, years, beloved wife of Robert, of 93, Connor Hill, Oxford, mother of Anthony, Richard, Philipes, grandmother of Charles, Jennifer and Eric. Funeral service at Rodley Baptist Church, 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to R.N.I.B., 224, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

DELL.—On Feb. 15, at Bromley Hospital, CHRISTOPHER BRAWLEY DELL, of Orpington, much loved brother and uncle. Service at All Saints' Church, Orpington, on Monday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m., followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. No flowers, but donations to All Saints' Church Fabric Fund.

DENHAM.—On Feb. 17, 1985, suddenly, Dr JOHN DENHAM, aged 69, of Linden, Alcocks Lane, Kingswood, Surrey, dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Paul. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m.

DISMORE.—On Feb. 16, peacefully at home in Acomb Road, Swindon, JOSEPH REGINALD, aged 79 years, much loved husband of Nellie, dear father of Michael and father-in-law of Jennifer. With Chris, which is far better. Funeral Monday, Feb. 25. Service at the Evangelical Church, Swindon, 3 p.m., followed by interment at Christ Church. Family flowers only, please, but donations would be appreciated for the Swindon Evangelical Church Organ Fund, c/o Hitler Funeral Service, 35, Victoria Road, Swindon, tel. 0793 22797.

DORM.—On Feb. 16, after a long illness, MAX CASPER, aged 26, son of Lena and Rolf, brother of Kim and Motte, fiancé of Rowena Till. Funeral service on Friday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church, Bramhope, near Leeds. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of Coronation Hospital, Leeds. Memorial service March 1 at 1 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

DOULL-CONNOLLY. — On Feb 17, 1985, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, after a long illness bravely fought, FRANCES (Rita) TAYLOR, beloved wife of the late LEONARD DOULL-CONNOLLY, dear mother of Sean and Niall. Funeral on Friday, Feb. 22, to Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, where a service will be held at 1.45 p.m. in the Chester Chapel. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Cancer Research.

DREW.—On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully at Poltair Hospital, Penzance, FLORENCE, late of 13, The Rosparvah Gardens, Penzance. Requiem at St Mary's Church, Penzance, on Friday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. No flowers, by request. Donations in lieu may be sent for Cancer Research to Lloyds Bank plc, Penzance.

EASLIN. — On Feb. 18, peacefully, E. HUBERT EASLIN, of Bosshalls, Lindfield, dearly loved husband of Connie adored father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m. No flowers, by request. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I., c/o J. & R. Matthews, 8, Church Street, Buckfield, W. Sussex.

ESTERSON.—On Feb. 19, WILLIAM STANLEY, of Bournemouth, late of Hendon, N.W. London, beloved husband of Peggie. Cremation Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 11.15 a.m. All inquiries to J. J. Allen, 02012 763765.

EXCELL. — On Feb. 19, 1985, peacefully at Worthing Hospital, R. J. (Jim) EXCELL, much loved husband of the late Grace Alice Excell and dear father of Gerald, Graham and Garth. Funeral service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach, Monday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, please, to St Barnabas Home, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd., 40, Brunswick Road, Shoreham-by-Sea.

FARNES.—On Feb. 17, peacefully, THOMAS LOUIS FARNES, F.I.C.E., of Purley, Surrey, husband of Jess, father of Ian and Robert, brother of Doris, grandfather of Alison, Richard, Sally, Anna and Nicola. Cremation on Friday, Feb. 22, at Croydon Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only.

FIELDER.—On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully at Sarbury Nursing Home, Minnie, aged 87 years, much loved aunt of Hilder, Rosamond and John and a great friend of so many. Funeral takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. at Kingston Crematorium. Donations if wished to British Rheumatism & Arthritis Association. Other inquiries to Farebrother Funeral Service, 21, London Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, tel. 01-546 5225.

FRENCH. — On Feb. 18, 1985, peacefully, after a long illness, PETER BYWORTH FRENCH, Flt Lt (Retd.), of 4, Beech Close, Harwood, Shrewsbury, beloved husband and father, only son of G. W. French. Funeral at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if wished to the Respiratory Function Fund at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Inquiries, please, to the funeral directors, W. R. R. Pugh & Son, tel. Shrewsbury 4646.

FRESHFIELD.—On Feb. 18, suddenly in Victoria Hospital, Lewes, EDWIN HANSON FRESHFIELD, aged 75, son of the late Dr E. H. and Mary Lee Freshfield, formerly of Ringmer. Inquiries to 066 622252.

FRICKER.—On Feb. 16, peacefully at home at Cubyshire, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, HEBE FRANCES TEYRA, in her 83